



Friends of Jaclyn Foundation®

Friends of Jaclyn Community Service Initiative

**Encouraging Proactive Teams to Make a
Difference in Their Communities**

Special Thanks to FCG

Step One

- Students will be introduced to Friends of Jaclyn (FOJ) with a personalized letter from Jaclyn Murphy, the foundation's inspiration and namesake.
 - Letter will discuss, briefly, Jaclyn's journey through a brain tumor diagnosis and how she was inspired to help other children.
- See Attached Sample Letter



Hi Friends!

My name is Jaclyn Murphy. Before I was diagnosed with a brain tumor, I was considered a natural athlete. Sports were a part of my daily life. Then on March 26, 2004, at the age of nine, my life changed instantly. I was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor, medulloblastoma, and my dreams of playing sports ever again quickly vanished. The journey that I was about to embark on is one that is unimaginable. Surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy replaced my days of practice, games, and time with friends. All my energy was now exerted into becoming a survivor. I was scared, I felt different, and I wanted my old life back. The side effects from treatment are devastating; on top of dealing with that I lost all of my friends.

One day I received a package in the mail from a college lacrosse team. They sent me letters and text messages throughout treatment and even called me their #1 Fan! Having their support helped me through my darkest days and I wanted to bring that joy to other children battling pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers. I am happy to say that I graduated from college and have been NED (no evidence of disease) for 13 years!

Today, my foundation, Friends of Jaclyn has helped nearly 750 families throughout the United States and Canada find the love, support and friendship that helped me through my own cancer journey. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for children with pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers while spreading awareness about these diseases. We do this by pairing families with teams, clubs and community groups through our Adopt a Child program--the teams provide a unique support system and a welcome distraction from everyday life. We have over 34 different men's and women's sports teams in D1-D3, junior college and high school. My sister Taryn inspired our Safe on the Sidelines program that gives brothers and sisters a team of their own so they can feel loved and special too!

If you are interested in having a team of your own please visit our website: www.friendsofjaclyn.org. There you will find more information about my story as well as information on how to register. I hope that I will get to meet you someday soon!

Live in the Moment...Play in the Moment!

Jaclyn Murphy

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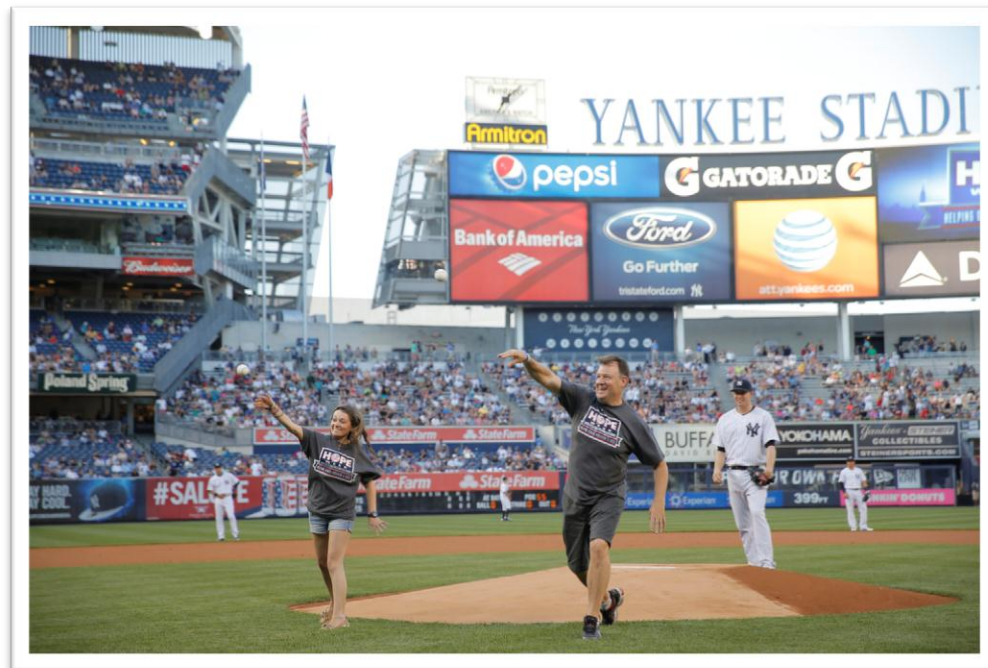
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Step Two

- Jaclyn will encourage the students to visit the website to learn more about the Foundation and how they can help

www.friendsofjaclyn.org

- [HBO](#)
- [Yankees](#)
- [PBS](#)



Step Three

- Students of all ages and interests can get involved in many different ways.
- Sign up to become an [FOJ Angel](#). Angels send messages to families in need of extra love, support and friendship (MRI, hospice, treatment, milestones)

Register Your Team

- Teams can register to Adopt a Child or sibling through the Safe on the Sideline Program
 - Once a team registers they are added to our Standby List. This list provides us with information about interested teams to make pairing seamless when a family registers.
 - Teams on the Standby List are encouraged to be proactive in locating a child in their area.

Hospital Visit

- Students can contact local hospitals or support groups to educate families about the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation in hopes of finding a family in need and potentially creating a match for a team at their school. FOJ will provide Marketing information for distribution.

What People Say...

Travis' mom, Lynne, on his adoption to the UCSD Men's Soccer Team:



"As we reflect on the things we are thankful for, the UCSD Men's Soccer Team is at the top of our list and we wouldn't have them in our lives without the Friends of Jaclyn. We are very grateful for the connections we have made over the last four seasons. Some of the guys say that Travis is their good luck charm and Travis feels that they are his."

Cody Kessler, Quarterback, USC Football on Joey

"I want to thank you and Friends of Jaclyn, for all that you do for these kids. I've learned so much about your organization through Joey and his family, and it's truly wonderful how much support you guys give these children."



Jeff Tambroni, Head Coach, PSU Men's Lacrosse on Gavin



"Our program is honored to be a partner of the Friends of Jaclyn foundation. FoJ introduced us to an incredibly courageous and dynamic young man named Gavin. We are eternally grateful for the vision and compassion of Mr. Denis Murphy and his staff who made our relationship possible."



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Our Mission

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for children with pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers while raising awareness about these diseases.



Our Programs

Adopt-A-Child Program:

This program is designed for children battling pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers at any point in their journey. We pair the child with a high school or college sports team as an honorary team member. The team provides love, support and friendship through this connection.

Safe on the Sidelines Program:

Similar to the Adopt-A-Child Program, this program is designed for a sibling(s) of a child with a pediatric brain tumor or other childhood cancer. An entire family is affected when a child is diagnosed with cancer. A healthy brother or sister, often feels scared and alone. This program provides siblings with their own support system.

Guardian Angel Program:

This program is designed for a child and family who are in need of support throughout various stages of their cancer journey. Our "Guardian Angels" send messages of compassion, support and encouragement to children and their families battling pediatric brain tumors.



Jaclyn's strength, courage, relentless spirit, and joy for life inspired the players. The team went on to a perfect season, winning their first NCAA national championship in 64 years!

Later, Jaclyn shared her dream to have all of the sick children adopted onto a team of their own.

In 2005, the Murphy Family created the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation to improve the quality of life for children battling pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers.

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The Murphy Family
 Taryn, Jaclyn, Lynda, Denis

How You Can Help!

The Friends of Jaclyn Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, Tax ID number 20-8326822.

We depend on your contributions and help to continue our mission.

To make a donation, volunteer or to host a fundraiser, call 855-486-3653 or email info@friendsofjaclyn.org

FOJ Awareness Day

- Standby teams or students looking to fulfill community service requirements (National Honor Society, Student Council, Girl/Boy Scouts, etc) can host an FOJ Awareness Game/Event/Fundraiser
- An Awareness Game lets the community know that the team has partnered with Friends of Jaclyn and that they are looking to Adopt a Child in their area.
 - Students who plan and host FOJ Games can receive community service credit while playing in their game!
 - <http://friendsofjaclyn.org/foj-day/>

Community Fundraiser

- Students can reach out to local establishments to set up a community fundraiser.
 - [Applebees](#)
 - [Chilis](#)
 - [Buffalo Wild Wings](#)
 - [Sweet Frog](#)



Alex and Ani Event

Alex and Ani has partnered with Friends of Jaclyn and gives the foundation the opportunity to host “in-store” events at their retail stores that help to promote the foundation, the partnership and the community. Friends of Jaclyn receives a portion of the sales during the event.



The “Ace”

- Any student who completes, plans or hosts an event or helps Friends of Jaclyn promote the foundation will be eligible to receive a signed letter stating they completed community service for the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation on official letterhead (see example letter).
- Students who host fundraisers will be entered into the FOJ Charity Challenge in which the top fundraisers will be recognized at Colorado Crossroads and will receive a commemorative Alex and Ani Bangle (new release as of September 2017).



September 28, 2017

To Whom it May Concern:

I am hereby writing this letter to verify and confirm the community service undertaken by **Ms. INSERT NAME** at our charitable organization. **FIRST NAME** is a very hard-working and dedicated person who would always put in the best possible efforts.

We at Friends of Jaclyn Foundation work to improve the quality of life for children with pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers. **FIRST NAME** came forward and helped us continue to spread our mission and expand our reach globally. **She** has a very good understanding of our program and I believe that **she** will continue to help us down the road. **She** is not only valued in our foundation but in the greater pediatric cancer community.

I hereby confirm that **FIRST NAME** has put in **10+ hours** of community service. Please feel free to contact me if you would like an additional reference for **FIRST NAME**, as I would be proud to provide this.

Erin Perkins

Executive Director

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