

SPONSOR A CHILD FOR A NIGHT



**Celebrating special children.
Renewing their families.**



Jill's House celebrates children with special needs and provides relief to the extraordinary families who love them through short-term, overnight respite care.

"We're so grateful for the rhythm of respite, knowing that we can count on Jill's House to get a break to spend time with our younger son and we can have quality time as a couple—that's so rare for parents of children with special needs."

—Steph Marsh



Jill's House is named after a very special young lady, Jill Solomon. In 1992, Jill was born a strong and healthy baby to her parents, Lon and Brenda. However, unbeknownst to them, Jill was born with Dravet syndrome—a rare seizure disorder.

At three months old, Jill started having multiple seizures every day. The Solomons' happy and peaceful life with three sons and a baby girl began to unravel. Lon and Brenda suffered tremendous stress and exhaustion.

Sleepless nights and regular trips to the ER marked their lives.



Meet Jill. She's a very special young lady.

The demanding, round-the-clock care of Jill left the Solomons physically and emotionally drained. Lon says, "It was like the laughter had been sucked out of our family." Brenda felt there was no light at the end of the tunnel.

Their life changed when a friend stepped in and introduced them to the concept of respite. Respite provided an occasional break for Lon and Brenda to spend time with their boys and with each other, or simply to sleep. The difference respite care made in their family—restoring hope, light and even laughter—planted a vital seed that eventually led the Solomons to found Jill's House. As Brenda says: "Jill's House wasn't built just to give parents a break. We built Jill's House because we wanted to build an exceptional place for these amazing children."

Although Jill's seizures are less frequent today, they left her severely brain damaged. She will always require 24-7 supervision. She is non-verbal and needs help with every aspect of her care. Of course, Jill's limitations do not keep her from expressing herself and enjoying life! Jill's smile lights up the room. She enjoys sorting mail and doing puzzles. Jill's favorite foods are tuna salad subs, guacamole and mom's breakfast casserole. She eagerly wakes up for school and puts on her red backpack. Jill loves her bedtime routine when her dad prays with her and tucks her into bed with her favorite blanket.

When Jill was a baby and struggling with frequent life-threatening seizures, it was Brenda's prayer that God would use Jill's life in a mighty way. Jill's House is an answer to that prayer.

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Jill's House welcomes children ages 6 to 17 who live with intellectual disabilities such as autism, brain injury and Down syndrome. To give their families a break from the rigors of care, we provide short-term, overnight stays and day camps.

Jill's House exists to celebrate these special children in a safe, fun place, while renewing their families by giving them the gift of respite. At Jill's House, children enjoy adventures in our 42,000-square-foot, 45-bed, innovative facility, where they experience activities specifically designed to keep them active, stimulated, learning and entertained during the day. At night, they enjoy cozy and comfortable sleeping areas, all monitored with constant and watchful care.



Families of children with special needs are often overwhelmed by the emotional and financial demands of constant care and are in desperate need of relief. Additionally, children with intellectual disabilities struggle with communication barriers, social isolation, and usually do not have opportunities to have sleepovers, attend camps, go to birthday

parties or take part in other activities that most kids take for granted.

While we offer this loving care in a Christian community, Jill's House celebrates every child without regard to race, religion or ethnicity. Our goal is to make an overnight stay at Jill's House an option for as many special children and their families as possible. We need your help!

"Jill's House is like a girls night out, which is extra special for these little ones who are often isolated socially. It's a safe and exciting destination for the girls."

—Sheryl Warne

RENEW FAMILIES FOR A LIFETIME

After a family pays their portion, Jill's House still needs to raise \$125 per child just to cover the direct care costs—food, activities, nurses and specially trained child care specialists. When you donate \$125, you give the gift of Jill's House to a child with special needs and the gift of time to the ones who love them. One hundred percent of your contribution through the Sponsor-a-Child-for-a-Night program goes to the direct costs incurred during one child's stay for one night. When you make your gift recurring, you allow Jill's House to provide a family a steady stream of breaks, a proven method to reduce stress and increase the family's ability to care for its child.



Specifically, your recurring gift of \$125 gives one child with special needs:

- a fun place to make crafts, visit with animals or swim,
- slumber parties and birthday parties with friends,
- a nurse to safely deliver complex medical care,
- individualized nutritious meals and
- the loving care of a highly trained child care specialist.



You give the child's family:

- time to reconnect with each other, to renew their marriage and to spend time with their other children,
- peace of mind, knowing their child is well cared for and
- desperately needed relief and renewal to be the best parents they can be to their special children.

By sponsoring a child for a night, you help these amazing families breathe easy for a night by providing safe, overnight care for their children. Please sponsor a child today.

GET INVOLVED

You can be an integral part of
the Jill's House family.

By donating, volunteering or
praying for us, you help these special
children and their
extraordinary families.

Visit jillshouse.org to learn more
about how you can:



DONATE

Your gracious financial support makes Jill's House
possible and helps serve special children
and renew their families.

VOLUNTEER

Use your skills and passions to serve at
Jill's House. Serve directly with children,
help with administrative tasks or assist with
events. We will find a place for you.

PRAY

We rely on your prayers to sustain and
support Jill's House. Remember to pray
for Jill's House and the children and
families we serve.

YES! I WANT TO SPONSOR A CHILD.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I'd like to sponsor:

___ two children per month: \$250 per month

___ one child per month: \$125 per month

___ one child every two months: \$ 63 per month

___ one child every three months: \$ 42 per month

___ other monthly sponsorship: \$ _____ per month

___ I can give a one-time gift of \$ _____.

Yes, I'd like to:

___ Volunteer for Jill's House.

___ Receive the Jill's House newsletter.

___ Receive Jill's House's prayer requests.

Please make checks payable to "Jill's House" and note "Sponsor a Child."

Mail payment to Jill's House, P.O. Box 9104, McLean, VA 22102. Visit

jillshouse.org/sponsor to give online.

Credit Card Information:

Amount of charge: \$ _____

Circle one: MC AmEx Visa Discover

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp Date: _____ / _____

Signature: _____

If you have checked above to be a monthly partner and are giving by using a credit card, we will continue to charge your card each month unless otherwise notified. Please check with your employer about matching your gift. For federal employees, our CFC number is 22742.

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