



Celebrating special children.
Renewing their families.

"Love, love, love Jill's House and am so thankful that our son has time there while we have respite. Sometimes respite means just having someone take care of you child, but at Jill's House it's so much more because we know how much our son looks forward to his time at Jill's House. Thank you!"

-A Jill's House Parent

HAPPY 6 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!



This October 15th, Jill's House turns 6 years old! We are grateful to be celebrating some amazing milestones. Since opening our doors, Jill's House programs has provided 700 families over 600,000 hours of respite (that's 68.5 years!) and 50,000 hours of respite by our *Weekend Adventures* program alone.

We have loved serving these remarkable families for the past 6 years and look forward to many more years to come.

BACK TO SCHOOL AT JILL'S HOUSE

Weeknights at Jill's House, our after school program, started up again on September 13th. Children and staff alike are excited to be back to their fun evenings together. The registration process for this can be a little overwhelming for parents, so Jill's House staff decided to help. They set aside a day in early September to help parents work through their registration paperwork and ask any questions. With a new school partner, West Springfield High School, and 86 children enrolled in the program already, there was a big showing at both the afternoon and evening sessions.



The staff appreciated the opportunity to build relationships with parents and to learn about the children from the people who know them best.

PARENT SPOTLIGHT: LARRY WINNICK

Larry Winnick is a Jill's House dad whose son, Alex, started coming to *Weekends at Jill's House* this September. We are delighted to welcome the Winnick family into the Jill's House community and thought we would take this time to introduce them to you:



Larry's son, Alex

What is your son's favorite thing to do at Jill's House?

Alex is a runner. He loves to move around in new spaces and earned the nickname "The Wanderer" after his first visit at Jill's House. He is a sweetheart who loves being with people and playing outdoors. The playground is probably his favorite thing at Jill's House, but he also loves the pool and the sensory room.

In your experience, what makes Jill's House so special?

The people. They are so friendly and welcoming. They always make sure that the information they have is up to date, which is so important since things change every minute with disabilities. We feel comfortable and safe leaving Alex at Jill's House because of the staff. I know that they will keep him safe and that they just know the right way to do things.

How has your time connected with Jill's House impacted your family?

It's huge! My wife is strong, but she is worn out. We always have to keep our heads on a swivel because Alex does like to run around so much. It requires non-stop mental attention. The time of respite allows us to take a break and just say "ahhh". We spend our time of rest focusing on our other little guy as well as sleeping in and organizing the house. Jill's House as well as the Access ministry at McLean Bible Church Loudon have done so much to support our family.

LINKS FOR LITTLE ONES

This past month Jill's House hosted our 16th annual Links for Little Ones Golf Tournament at Lansdowne near Leesburg, VA. The tournament was sold out with 138 pre-registered golfers and raised \$115,000!



We want to thank all those who came out to show their support. As a Jill's House mom shared at the dinner reception, "What [Jill's House] provides for families of kids with disabilities is invaluable and they couldn't do what they do if it wasn't for your support". Thank you!



We look forward to golfing with you again next year!

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