



Celebrating special children.
Renewing their families.

"I am so grateful, I can't tell you how much I needed this weekend. It's like a weight lifted off of me not worrying about her for three days straight!!!! I needed this break, my FAMILY needed this break, and I know that she was happy and cared for, so I was able to enjoy the time and rest."

-A Jill's House Parent

JILL'S HOUSE IS COMING TO SEATTLE!

Jill's House is excited to announce the official start date of our new *Weekend Adventures* location in Seattle, WA! On December 9th-11th, we will take our first group of campers to [Miracle Ranch](#) for 48 hours of fun for them and respite for their families. We look forward to sharing the gift of respite with new families in the Seattle area.



One family shared with us about how excited they are for Jill's House to come to Seattle. Their son, Joey, has been a regular at our Jill's House Tyson's Corner location and his family has recently set out on a road trip/adventure across the country (check out [their blog](#) for that story). They will be in the Seattle area in December and have already made plans for Joey to participate in the kickoff weekend. According to Amy, Joey's mother:

"Our son Joey LOVES Jill's House! We are SO excited that Joey gets to be involved at a Jill's House Weekend Adventure in Puget Sound, WA! It's kind of like being able to visit family you haven't seen in a while. We think that there should be Jill's House Camps all over the US, all over the world for that matter; for kids like Joey to have "their time," to be loved and accepted, and to have some serious fun."

We are so excited to serve even more families like Joey's family across the country!

HALLOWEEN COSTUME GIVE AWAY

A few weeks before Halloween, families came to Jill's House to pick out costumes with their children. We were able to offer an array of brand new and totally fun costumes to families at no cost, thanks to the generosity of Stephanie Snapkoski and her team at the [McLean Hilton](#). For the second year in a row, they collected and donated these costumes specifically for the children at Jill's House. It is such a gift to families who can save time, money, and stress. Not only could parents skip the stress, but the children got to find their perfect costume for trick-or-treating!



PAPERWORK ORGANIZATION EVENT

For Jill's House families, paperwork can be a big burden. They have documentation on almost every aspect of their child's life and it can be a lot to keep track of. The Family Support team here at Jill's House decided to help by hosting a paperwork organization night. They provided binders, staplers, and anything else to make organizing a breeze (not to mention coffee and dessert).

Not only that, but they invited a special education advocate, Lisa Fagan, to answer any big questions parents had about how to navigate special education in schools. This event gave parents the time, space, and encouragement to do the crucial task of organizing all their paperwork. As one mom said, "Look at this! I'm so organized! This has been on the back burner for a long time. I'm really glad I came!"



JILL'S HOUSE AT TICONDEROGA FARMS



This month, Jill's House families and staff attended an amazing fall festival hosted by [General Dynamics](#) at Ticonderoga Farms. There was pumpkin decorating, a free farmers market, a petting zoo, incredible food, and many more wonderful surprises! 190 Jill's House family members were able to share in the fun.

As one family shared, "This was truly an unforgettable family experience. Everything was so thoughtful and fun! The highlight was the hayride, in which my son with special needs who is barely verbal put his hand on my husband's knee and said, "I love you," and kissed him on the cheek. I was in

shock! With autism and Down Syndrome, he doesn't express his feelings well. I almost cried when he then put his hand on my knee and said I love you and kissed me on my cheek. This was the first time he has ever displayed his love spontaneously to his Dad and me. Thank you General Dynamics and Jill's House for giving our family a day of unforgettable memories!!!!"

We want to extend our thanks right along with them to General Dynamics for their generous hosting of the Fall Festival and the ways that they continue to invest in and celebrate our special families!



UPCOMING EVENTS

GIVING TUESDAY



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NOVEMBER 29TH 2016

Save the date for this year's Giving Tuesday! Like us on [Facebook](#) for updates on how your gift can make a big difference for Jill's House!

AN EVENING IN DECEMBER

Sunday, Dec. 4th - 7:30pm at McLean Bible Church



An event for women celebrating the true meaning of Christmas to benefit Jill's House. Message by Speaker, Author, and Humorist Ellie Lofaro.

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