



Celebrating special children.
Renewing their families.

"Our family has NEVER had an opportunity like this before. It brought tears to my eyes to listen to him on the way back home and see him so happy. I had felt guilty that we had enjoyed some time together as a couple, but his smile and happy demeanor (created by you ALL) alleviated the guilt! Thank you, each and every one of you, for your patience, dedication, and love that you provide all our 'special children'."

-Tyson's Family

JILL'S HOUSE AT CHRISTMASTIME

Jill's House is officially decorated for Christmas! We are so excited to bring the joy of the season to our Jill's House families this December.



AN AMAZING EVENING IN DECEMBER

Just last night, Jill's House hosted An Evening in December at McLean Bible Church. Women came together from all over the D.C. Metro for a time of love and laughter, renewal and restoration. Ellie Lofaro, international speaker, author, and humorist, gave a message reminding those in



attendance of the true meaning of Christmas while Dove Award winning artists, Point of Grace, performed classic Christmas songs. In addition to being a blessing to those who attended, all proceeds from An Evening in December went to support the work of Jill's House. We want to extend our sincerest thanks to Ellie. Point of Grace. and all the women who attended and gave so generously.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP AT JILL'S HOUSE



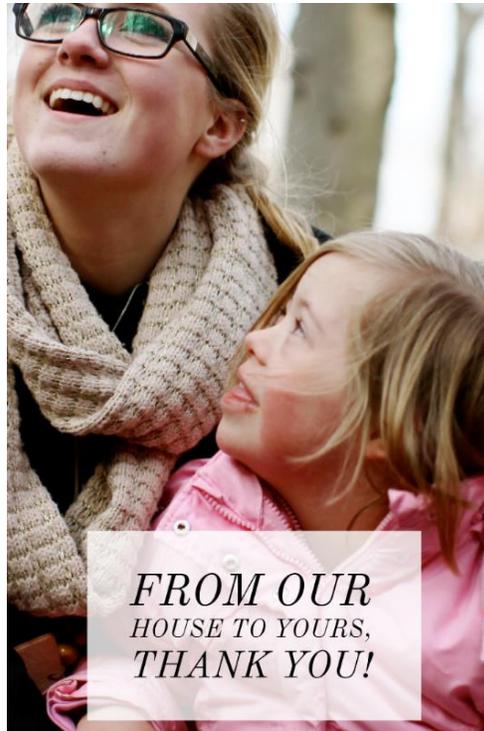
Every month the Family Support team hosts a Parent Support Group, a time where small groups of parents can come together, eat dinner, and talk about the unique questions they face raising children with special needs. At our most recent November meeting, parents were able to share advice about finding a caregiver for the home and how to approach the holidays. In addition to the wisdom of other parents, a social worker and a school psychologist from the Kilmer Center attend in order to contribute any insights they have.

We believe it is important to build up our families through events like the monthly support group and offer them relationship as

well as respite. As one parent said after the meeting in November, "I felt rejuvenated. I felt happy. I felt like an adult. I felt heard. Today, I feel so grateful! Thank you for the wonderful evening, and a special thank you to the sweet caregiver who shadowed my dear child."

INCREDIBLE RESPONSE FOR GIVING TUESDAY

This year, we participated in Giving Tuesday, a movement to encourage people to give back to their community in the wake of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. The response was overwhelming! We set a goal to raise \$10K for Jill's House stays and our amazing supporters surpassed anything we could have expected. We met our goal of \$10,000 by just after lunch and went on to raise \$36,059 throughout the day. That's enough for 288 overnight stays at Jill's House for children with special needs! On behalf of those children and all the staff of Jill's House, thanks to everyone who supported our efforts on Giving Tuesday.



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THANK YOU!*

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