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Celebrating special children.
Renewing their families.

"I am grateful for the level of activity provided and the fun adventures at Blue Ridge. Getting [my daughter] out and about in the fresh air with others is wonderful. I thank you for giving her the opportunity to do things without me there so she has the opportunity to experience life from a different point of view."

- Blue Ridge Camp Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JILL!



January 26th was Jill Solomon's 25th birthday! Jill's House staff celebrated with her over lunch and strawberry shortcake. Jill has been a blessing to hundreds of families and her house has been a place of peace and respite for so many. It was a great time to have some fun and celebrate the girl that started it all!

If you'd like to read the full story of how Jill's House started, check out [our website](#).

ONLY MAKE BELIEVE

Do you believe in make believe? For the past three years, we have partnered with a local non-profit, [Only Make Believe \(OMB\)](#), to bring fun, creativity, and laughter to Jill's House. This arts organization performs interactive theatre that allows children to be the stars of the show! Whether it be leading a journey under the sea to find a mythical mermaid, journey under the sea to find a mythical mermaid, or a virtual game-world where only dancing can get you to the next level, OMB engages children to



use their imagination in a group setting. OMB was established in 1999 by Dena Hammerstein (of the Oscar Hammerstein lineage) to introduce children with chronic illness and disabilities to the world of theatre. They regularly perform for children in hospitals, care-facilities, and schools for children for special needs. Jill's House is so grateful to be partnered with this incredible organization and we look forward to their next performance coming up in February!

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

Emily is a big fan of Jill's House. She looks forward to her time here so much that she and her family start talking about upcoming Weekends at Jill's House the Wednesday before! Emily loves playing on the playground, bouncing in the bouncy house, and singing hymns in the music room. But above all, Emily loves her time swimming in the pool. For Emily, Jill's House is synonymous with the word "fun".



Emily's mom, Julie, loves Jill's House too. Julie was having trouble finding room to breathe and making time for her typical daughter after her husband passed away. That's when another mom of a child with special needs told her about Jill's House. As Julie told us, "It seems scary at first to leave your child, especially when she can't fully communicate what happened while she was away. It's such a relief knowing that she is in good hands". Julie has used her weekends of respite to visit colleges with her other daughter. When asked about the programs at Jill's House, Julie's one-word description was "priceless".

NIGHT TO SHINE PREVIEW

Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, is a prom night to celebrate people with special needs. On February 10th, Jill's House will be joining hundreds of churches and other organizations across the country hosting this event. Guests will arrive on a red carpet, lined with all their biggest fans and "paparazzi." Once inside, guests receive the royal treatment



including hair and makeup stations, shoe shines, corsages and boutonnieres, and dancing. At Night to Shine, everyone is king or queen of the prom! Night to Shine has always been a highlight and an absolute joy for the Jill's House family. We can't wait to see everybody there wearing their dancing shoes!

CELEBRATION OF SPECIAL CHILDREN GALA



A Celebration of Special Children, a black tie benefit for Jill's House, brings together more than five hundred guests for a special night to honor the courageous families and inspiring children Jill's house serves.

To reserve your sponsorship and table today, visit jillshouse.org/events.

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