



Dear Friends of Jamie's Smiles,

Throughout our history, families and communities have stepped up to bridge the gap that government couldn't or wouldn't supply in people's lives. Today is no different! This is not a 19TH century society where neighbors plowed your land if you were too ill to do it or sowed your crops so that your family would not starve over the winter, but why not? What is wrong with friends and neighbors pitching in to help when we need it?

Let's be honest, eventually we all need some kind of help! At this point in our history, children with special needs require our particular care and help. With personal and government budgets shrinking there is not enough money to provide them with education and training to ensure that they are able to function as best they can in our world.

Education can mean the difference between some children with special needs growing up to live on their own versus being cared for by others. Training can transform specially challenged folks into contributing members of the workforce. Early, personal intervention can help challenged children adapt to their surroundings and transition them into adults who can feed or clothe themselves instead of having to be fed by others. Please, help us, help them!

But be selfish about it! Every child with special needs that we assist today is likely to need less help tomorrow. That means less future financial cost to society and government. Their parents will be better equipped to deal with their challenges and so will the children. On top of the humanitarian benefits (which are many), think of the tax deduction you can take at the end of the year! Jamie's Smiles' Endowment and Memorial funds are held and administered by the Shelby Community Foundation (SCF) which is a certified community foundation so contributions to this 501c(3) are tax deductible. Contributions to an endowment fund may also result in a state tax credit which increases the deductibility of these donations (please consult a tax professional for details regarding your contribution's deductibility).

You know how important it is when someone reaches out to you when you feel abandoned or need a helping hand? It can turn the tide, give you the support you need to pull through and overcome. In the same way, assistance provided by friends, neighbors, relatives and even people they have yet to meet can make a difference in the lives of our children and the future of our communities.

Jamie's Smiles' mission is to supply supplemental funding to outstanding programs that benefit children with special needs, through grants and other financial means, but we cannot do this without you! We have given away over \$50,700 in grants and donations to assist program's for children with special needs and last year alone, our grants improved the lives of over 1,100 children in our communities! We have total cash on hand of over \$79,400. It is our goal to raise cash on hand of \$120,000 to make the yearly endowment fund grants perpetual. We are inching ever closer, please help us help these wonderful kids!

If you take nothing else from this letter, please remember this, these are PEOPLE. They are just like the child or grandchild, neighbor, cousin, niece or nephew that you see at family parties or snuggle into their bed at night. They love, hope, care, want and need. Right now they NEED you!

Jamie would have been seven years old this month. He is beyond our reach. We help other children since we can no longer help our own special child. We understand the value of communities pitching in to help those less fortunate and we know you do too. Join us today!

Please give today!! We need to raise \$3,000 by July 1ST to make our goals to provide grants for the 2011-12 school-year and beyond. Please mail your tax deductible contribution today with the card enclosed.

Respectfully Yours,

Jamie's Smiles & the Bates Family (Mark, Gretchen, Logan & Sidney)

If you have any questions, please visit us on the web at www.JamiesSmiles.org or feel free to email us at info@JamiesSmiles.org or call 586/909-5305.

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