

Heartfelt notes of thanks sent to the Jared Box Project...



"My son received a Jared Box as he was treated for a relapse of Leukemia. I think it is wonderful that God has so many helpers eager to bring some cheer to these children during challenging moments. We are grateful for every smile you provide."

"You have no idea how you touched those who receive your box. My son, Ryan, is 5 and was scared to death to be in the hospital. His Jared Box was the bright spot for him. He played with it the entire time. What a wonderful tribute to your friend Jared. I am sure he has a big smile on his face too."

"This box was like a drink of cold water to a person in the desert. By comforting my baby, I was also comforted. My baby received a Jared Box after she was rushed to the hospital. As we were waiting to hear what her condition might be, a nurse brought Emma a Jared Box. The toys in the box were the perfect diversion...it was the most positive thing in her day."

"We continue to be overwhelmed by your generosity and in awe of these incredible Jared Boxes. Not only are they filled to the brim with lots of cherished items and fun activities, but it is also evident each box is filled with love and special understanding of how much hospitalization affects children. As you know, play is a daily must for every child. Play in the hospital helps children better cope with traumatic situations because it is a natural activity in an unnatural and often scary environment. Therefore, the Jared Boxes are like having some 'home away from home' in an awesome box, just for them, that they can pull out and play with whenever they want. It doesn't get any better than this!" – Child Life, Allegheny General Hospital

"There is no amount of gratitude I could express. My 7 year old son was in the hospital, scared and terrified of having to stay. He put up quite a fuss until he received his Jared Box. I am constantly telling him he is "Mommy's brave little boy." After I read him the note in the box that explained the project, he said, "I am brave and so is Jared." Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I could never express the joy I feel as he shows off his Jared Box."

"Before her surgery, Emma, age 4, was really scared. Emma's eyes lit up when the nurse gave her a Jared Box. She played with the stickers and her nurses put the Chap Stick on her so she would be "pretty for surgery." When she woke up, the first thing she asked for was her Jared Box. Now that we are home, she walks around with it all day. If you ask her, she calls it her special box. Thank you for helping her (and me) through a very difficult time."

"I can't tell you how happy my daughter was to receive such a gift as her Jared Box. My daughter had fears about the hospital. After getting the box, she became more happy and at ease with the hospital environment. She kept telling me how happy she was to get a gift from somebody that she didn't even know. I wish to tell you that your act of kindness has touched us in no small way!"