

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital

Outer Envelope

You are rebuilding my little boy's life!

DO NOT BEND

Photo of a local child who has a second chance because of you!

Response Form

YES! Amy, I'm thankful Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital was there for your precious child! Let me help make sure JDCH is always there for *my* family, *my* friends, and *my* neighbors!

Here's my gift of: \$XX \$XX \$XX \$_____

Make your check payable to the JDCH Foundation. Your gift is fully tax-deductible to limits established by law.

Letter

Struck by a drunk driver at 2½ years old.

**Lacerated liver ... severe brain injury
... multiple strokes ... partial paralysis.**

My little boy is coming back strong!

If available,
a photo of
Jaden in
Rehab.

Dear [title/s] [last name],

Anguish and pain just tore at our hearts the day that a drunk driver smashed into the car, as my mother-in-law drove my precious little boy home from pre-school.

Mom suffered several wounds, but she was soon released from the hospital to recover at home. To recover ... and to agonize with the rest of our family over my son Jayden.

That poor little boy! He was just 2½-year-old, and so badly injured.

His liver was lacerated. A terrible brain injury caused several strokes. He was left partially paralyzed on the right side of his body. *But it could have been so much worse.*

We were so blessed to live near Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital! On that terrible day, nearness to this incredible healthcare facility was almost certainly a factor in our child's survival, according to Dr. Julie Long, who operated on Jayden.

In her quiet, professional way, Dr. Long explained, "In order to save lives and reduce disability, it's important to get trauma patients into definitive care within one hour. There is no question that it's vital to have a hospital with this level of experience right in your back yard."

As a mother, let me be more direct: *The life-saving, healing power that Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital brings is absolutely essential to the kids of our community!*

And that power grows out of the support of people like you, who really care about children in our part of Florida. As I thank you for the kindness that saved my son, I ask you to strengthen this hospital's commitment to *your* family and *your* neighbors:

**Will you send another urgently needed gift of \$XX ...
\$ XX ... or even \$XX ... to the JDCH Foundation today?**

My family's story shows how your gift will reach into the region we share – not only saving children's lives, but rebuilding those lives in the wake of destructive illnesses or injuries.

Over, please ...

Jayden spent six weeks in the hospital, much of that time in the Intensive Care Unit. But those six weeks were just the beginning of our toddler's climb to victory at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

Jayden benefited from "continuity of care" at Joe DiMaggio. When he got out of Intensive Care, a dedicated inpatient pediatric rehab unit was right there at the hospital, ready and waiting to get him started in therapy.

It made a significant difference that the whole team was able stay with him throughout this critical transition. It got our little boy started toward the best possible outcome.

As I shuttled Jayden to appointments with doctors and therapists, I became a believer in everything Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital offers. The support our family received from our health care team has been far more than anything we anticipated.

Everything has been superior. But best of all, Jayden keeps getting better every day.

He's gaining strength in his upper trunk and increasing his range of motion in his right extremities. He even took 34 steps on Saturday! Jayden will continue to improve, and there's no going back. Our family is going forward now!

And I hope you'll "go forward" with this brave little boy and our family by sending your next gift to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital today.

Remember, your gift to the JDFC Foundation helps kids in Broward and Palm Beach Counties, not some distant place remote from your life. That's significant to you!

Thank You for Caring about
Our Community's Kids,

Amy Carr
Jayden's Mother

P. S. Remember how critical the nearness of this hospital was in saving Jayden's life. The next child could be a boy or girl who lives down the street from you ... or a child from your own family. Be as generous as you can today.

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Back of head & shoulders photo

My Dear
Friend,

 This is
my child,
Jayden.

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