



## Thank You!

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended our Tea Party fundraiser on May 10th.

We had a wonderful time as we listened to entertainment from several youth, heard a mom helped by the organization speak, enjoyed delicious food, heard the story of why For the Love of Grace was founded, and gave away several doorprizes.

This is an event that we plan to hold yearly, so if you couldn't make it this year we hope to see you next year!

We made over \$1,200 this year! Praise God! Thank you for your willingness to stand by these families in their time of need!

## Fundraiser at the Fro Yo Spot!

On June 28th we will be having a fundraiser at the Fro Yo Spot! Thirty percent of all proceeds from 4-8 pm will be donated back to us! You don't even need to mention the organization, just come and enjoy some wonderful frozen yogurt for a great cause! We have added the Littleton location this year, so head out to your nearest Fro Yo Spot on June 28th!



Parker:  
16524 Keystone Blvd  
Ste D  
Parker, Co 80134  
303-975-6981  
Cross roads: Lincoln and Jordan

Aurora  
17200 S. Iliff Ave  
Ste A-2  
Aurora, Co 80013  
303-750-4343  
Cross roads: S. Pagosa Wy and S. Rifle St.

Littleton:  
8174 S. Kipling Pkwy #170  
Littleton, CO 80127  
(303) 933-7768

## Featured Interview: Stacey Linn (parent of Jack)

### *About my child:*

Jack is a beautiful gift that God granted me 13 and half years ago. He was born 4 months too early so he has severe spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, dystonia, chronic lung disease, and auditory neuropathy. All of those things mean that he has needed a special wheelchair all of his life, he cannot walk, talk, sit, stand, or hear correctly. He cannot use his arms, hands or legs. He has been dependent on a ventilator to breathe for the past 3 years, has always been dependent on oxygen. Receptively, Jack uses sign language to understand the world around him and he reads lips. To communicate his feelings and thoughts he depends on perceptive, caring people asking him yes and no questions (which he answers by eye gaze). He also has a computer that he uses his eyes to operate, but it is cumbersome for him. Jack is a very smart and engaging young man. His body may not function too well, but his mind is that of any other 13 year old boy. He has a heart of gold and striking blue eyes --when he smiles they twinkle in a way that lights up your heart in a way that lasts forever. He has a sense of humor that won't quit and is often labeled the funniest kid among his peers (despite being non-verbal).



*Jack Age 13*

### *Challenges:*

Because of his condition, Jack has spent at least a month out of every year of his life in the hospital--usually in respiratory failure. Four years ago his hospital stay resulted in being placed on a ventilator permanently. That hospital stay lasted 15 months. It was heart wrenching to be separated from him for so long--for me and his little brother Cooper (4 years younger). It was also a logistical nightmare since I am a single mom and we live 25 miles from the hospital (1.5 hour drive in rush hour). Trying to spend time at the hospital, take care of Cooper, manage Jack's complex care and work ran me ragged emotionally, physically and financially. Cooper missed Jack terribly and was often not allowed in the hospital (hospital rules during respiratory season). Jack was unable to attend school and was isolated. I constantly racked my brain for ways to help him stay sane, but Jack needs another person to help him do everything. I could not be that person all the time and it broke my heart.



*Cooper Hugging Jack*

One of the biggest ongoing challenges of having a child like Jack is managing his care. He has special needs at school requiring constant vigilance and adaptation. He has 10 doctors, and several therapists. He requires 15 medications around the clock, and he uses many different pieces of equipment (ventilator, suction machine, oxygen, feeding pump, pulse/oxygen monitor, hospital bed, a lift to move him) and a garage full of special supplies. All of the aforementioned are supplied by 3 different companies and each month everything must be inventoried and a new order placed with all companies. Oxygen is dealt with weekly for home and school. Jack also needs near around the clock nursing care to manage his airway. The nursing staff must be managed and if it is suddenly not available, I cannot work. This is very stressful since it places me at risk of losing my jobs quite frequently.

Perhaps the biggest challenge is making sure Jack experiences life to the fullest. Since he cannot do anything for himself I am constantly scrambling to find ways to bring the world to him, and him to the world.

### *For the Love of Grace:*

For the Love of Grace contacted me during Jack's 15 month hospitalization. Just the call itself was a breath of air. I was struggling hard to make ends meet (gas expense of driving to and from Children's daily, child care for Cooper, calling off work when Jack was more critical). And I felt alone, like no one understood how hard I was working to hang on; to keep Jack's spirits up, to keep Cooper sane and to run my household when I was never home. It was comforting to hear that someone wanted to help. I was offered not only physical help, but spiritual help as well. I was offered a shoulder to lean on and someone to pray with. And it was comforting to know our family was being held in prayer. For the Love of Grace gave us gas & gift cards and families donated food baskets/meals and gifts for our whole family at Christmas (I felt horrible for my kids because I had neither the time nor the money, nor the emotional space to shop). I really felt like our family was being watched over. And that relieved some of the stress I was under.



Jack is home now and we are rebuilding. He is doing great and so is Cooper. Life is still hectic because it just is when you have a special kiddo like Jack. But we are together and we thank God every day for that, and the many blessings He bestows upon us--like the good people at For the Love of Grace.

*Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 10:12*

## You Can Help!

You will be incredibly blessed by volunteering at a painting outreach, Celebration of Life, or the Adopt a Family Christmas Outreach.. These are three of our events where we get to physically connect with the families that we help.

We can use people to be on our prayer chain, willing to be on their knees for these families or people who are willing to bring meals to those who are in the hospital. We are also in need of board members. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help!

Please e-mail [info@loveofgrace.org](mailto:info@loveofgrace.org) if you are interested or want more information!

*"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me. Matthew 26:38*



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## Upcoming Events

6/28 – Fundraiser at Fro Yo Spot in Parker, Aurora, and Littleton

6/29 – Painting Day at Children’s Hospital

8/9 – Celebration of Life

9/6 – Painting Day at Children’s Hospital

9/13-9/14 – Littleton Festival

TBD in October – Fundraiser Dinner

10/11– Painting Day at Children’s Hospital

11/15 – Painting Day at Children’s Hospital

December – Christmas Adopt a Family Outreach

12/6 – Global Bazaar