

THE *Jeremy* PROJECT

SUPPORTING MEDICALLY FRAIL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
THROUGHOUT WESTERN NEW YORK



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Dear Friends,

There is a real Jeremy. In some ways, he's a typical 11-year old: he loves playing video games, has a great laugh, and is very close to his brothers (born as quadruplets).

But in many other ways, he's anything but typical. Jeremy was born with Cerebral Palsy and uses a wheelchair, receives daily breathing treatments for respiratory problems, and has a potentially blinding eye disorder that primarily affects premature infants. He is what health professionals call "medically-frail." Jeremy's parents struggle to provide all he needs, and rarely get a break from the constant demands of caregiving. Even special respite centers for people with developmental disabilities aren't equipped to handle a medically-frail child like Jeremy. **The Jeremy Project of People Inc. will help**, by providing a place for overnight or hourly stays for other children like Jeremy.

On the other side of town, his brothers Jordan and Justin live in a large medical facility. Their even more serious combination of disabilities have required them to live in a nursing home much of their young lives. Other children in our community are affected, too. Like Brooklyn, a 12-year old girl with mental retardation, legally blind and unable to speak due to being born with an extra 13th chromosome. And Ali, a 14-year old boy with mental retardation, cerebral palsy, and a seizure disorder, who requires a feeding tube for meals. **The Jeremy Project of People Inc. will help**, by building a small group home with staff trained to address the multiple medical and support needs for these children. Their parents will visit them in the living room instead of a nursing home wing.

We hope you will join us in making a special gift in support of **The Jeremy Project**. A site has been selected in North Tonawanda, and we'll be able to cut the ribbon on a dream-come-true in April.

Be part of it.



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Jeremy

Meet Jeremy – he represents so many children, whose parents provide around-the-clock care every day due to very serious medical conditions. Research shows that these parents are more likely to experience financial and relationship strain, and compromised health themselves due to the tremendous stresses of constant care-giving. The Jeremy Project will help those parents by providing a safe place for their children – for a few hours so they can grocery shop, see their own doctor or attend another child’s school concert. Their special child can even stay a few days, should a parent be hospitalized or have an out-of-town event. Parents will finally be able to get a break, reassured that trained staff will have the knowledge and specialized equipment to care for their child. This new respite bedroom for medically-frail children will be a unique resource to our Western New York region.



Justin and Jordan

Meet Justin and Jordan. Together, they have diagnoses of cerebral palsy, obstructive hydrocephalus, bronchial dysplasia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, seizure disorder, and the list goes on. They have a special bond as brothers, and will soon be able to live in a real home with two other children.

People Inc. has obtained 100% of the operating funds needed to run this new home and respite option, and about 70% of the capital funds to build it. Your donation will bridge the gap and get this project built.



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