



JOHNATHON'S STORY

Johnathon's whole family was traumatized when he was diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer, at only 18 months old. While everyone braced themselves for the long road ahead, Johnathon was a beacon of hope. He smiled, laughed and was proud of his bald head and scars.

Johnathon's extraordinary spirit and zest for life inspired his teenage sister, Sarah, to share his journey on a Facebook page which grew to 100,000 followers.

In 2015 his journey jumped off the page and the Hope For Johnathon Program was launched by KIDS NEED MoRE to support Sarah's mission to share her brother's bright outlook on life and spread fun and friendship to families coping with serious illness and other grown-up stuff.

As of November 9th, 2012, Johnathon was declared in remission and is thriving with the love of his family & friends.

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KIDS NEED MoRE is a 501C3 nonprofit charitable, organization, dedicated to enhancing the lives of children, families, & young adults, coping with cancer & life-threatening illness.



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ELIGIBILITY

We recognize that when someone in the family has a serious illness or has been through a traumatic experience, the entire family is affected. That's why our **MHFJ** is for patients, siblings and the children of patients too.

Age:

Birth—Young Adulthood.

Patients & Siblings of Patients

Patients on or off treatment for cancer or other serious illness and their siblings will be considered, including those who are bereaved. *Children who reside in the same household with a patient may also apply.*

Children of Patients

Children with a caregiver on or off treatment for cancer or other serious illness will be considered. Including those who are bereaved.

Military Families

Children with a caregiver in the military can apply. Active or honorable inactive duty. Including those who are bereaved.



GOALS

Friendship

We bring children and families together to form lasting bonds and supportive relationships.

Community

We provide opportunities for families to connect together and form natural, healthy, social network and safety net.

Sibling Relationships

We create happy memories for brothers & sisters.

Fun

We bring silliness and light hearted fun to help families endure the complex feelings brought on by traumatic events. We help families find a new routine and renewed purpose.

GROWN-UPS NEED MoRE Too

We encourage caregivers to join in on the fun and make friends too.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Warm Fuzzy Baskets

Our volunteers usually begin with the delivery of personalized gifts.

Warm Fuzzy Visits

Our volunteers meet families where they are most comfortable to have a visit, filled with fun activities. We plant the seeds of friendship.

Events

Expect year round activities, parties and day events, such as photoshoots, carnivals, tickets to sporting events and much, much **MoRE**.

STAFF

MoRE Hope for Johnathon is staffed by child life specialists, social workers, peer mentors, healthcare professionals and everyday wonderful volunteers of all ages and all walks of life. Many are patients, siblings and parents themselves. They have invaluable "been there" experience. As role models, we provide hope that thriving-ship are possible! We are always looking for **MoRE** Volunteers. Join our peer community of fun and friendship.



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MoRE Hope for Johnathon is available year round throughout New York and the Tri-State area. Our programs are provided at no cost to eligible families.

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