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Thank You for the Impact You Made in 2014

We're so grateful for your support. Here's what you helped us accomplish last year:

- Provided 4,390 overnight stays: 3,228 during Weekends at Jill's House and 1,162 during Weeknights at Jill's House School Partnership program.
- Accommodated 2,595 daytime child visits during school breaks.
- Delivered 1,800 hours of pool time to our kids--by far their favorite activity at Jill's House!
- Transported children to and from our 11 school partners on 1,776 bus trips for 22,724 miles.
- Served 15,120 nutritious meals to our children during their stays.
- Trained volunteers with the skills they needed to give 8,842 hours of their time and talents to support our caregiving staff, nurses--and most importantly--our children.
- Continued our ministries in Colorado Springs, Los Angeles and Austin and provided for Indianapolis and Phoenix ministry launches in 2015.
- Prepared nine Jill's House Fellows and 20 interns to lead the next generation of professionals caring for children with special needs and their families.
- Served children with 122,475 hours of loving care in safe places made just for them.



Bridger enjoys the special one-on-one attention he needs. Thank you for giving him and his family the gift of Jill's House.

These numbers are powerful because they mean acceptance, healing and peace for the 500+ families we've served since we opened in 2010. Our families often thank us but, truly, they are thanking you. In their own words, here's how you've helped them:

My son is accepted..."I am so thankful for the opportunity Jill's House offers for our son to be fully embraced for who he is, despite his disability. Thank you all for loving him as a demonstration of Christ's sacrificial love for all of us!"

My husband and I nurture our marriage..."We feel guilty when we are not trying to engage our son at home. But when he's at Jill's House we have time to talk, reflect, and discuss many things. We just can't say enough about how wonderful Jill's House is!"

My mind is at peace..."Jill's House is the one place I can take my son and breathe. My mind is at ease and my faith is renewed. Caring for a child with autism often feels lonely and exhausting. Jill's House reminds me of God's love and help in my time of trouble. The reprieve increases my capacity to love unconditionally, re-energizes me, and reminds me of the joy in the gift of parenting."

My life has normalcy..."These weekends allow a sense of normalcy in a chaotic life- a chance to treasure time with our other two children who are sometimes a bit lost in the world of surgeries and doctor's appointments. Thank you!"

These strides forward also reveal a startling fact: demand is growing. At the Jill's House Annual Open House in October, we saw a record number of families raising children with special needs

come through our doors for the first time. They were desperate for relief, looking to Jill's House to save their families.

However, many of the children we already serve have complicated intellectual and medical needs, requiring a staff-to-child ratio of 1:1. Some of our families must wait six months between visits, diminishing the rhythm of respite. It's a matter of simple economics: the more caregivers we hire, the more children we can serve. Will you help supply the much-needed funds required to hire more caregivers to care for these families?

Jill's House receives no direct state or federal support, yet it costs a lot to provide respite for one child at Jill's House. Many families pay just \$3 per hour. Generous financial partners like you provide 80% of our funding, bridging the gap to make respite a reality for families raising children with special needs.

As we enter 2015, we ask you to prayerfully consider continuing your support to help us restore these families and allow us to serve even more families in the coming year. We invite you to join us in our mission to change the face of disability ministry in America, so that each family of a child with intellectual disabilities has respite within reach and a connection to a church that embraces them.



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