



WORDS from WAYNE

Fall has arrived!



What a great time of the year. I just love raking leaves, don't you?

Schools are back in full swing and with that comes a flood of requests. It always seems as though there is a never-ending need for boots, coats, tops, pants and even underwear. When I talk about needs like these, I sometimes think to myself "These are just basic necessities, not something over the top". Looking at the list, I also think "What kid doesn't deserve to have these, and even more"? As I looked a little further, I saw something more, and that is names of veterans who needed our help as well. As much as I

hate it when kids are in need, I hate it just as much when our veterans are hurting after what they have done for all of us.

Thanks to your continued generosity we are able to not only take care of the kids, but the veterans as well. You've helped us be able to provide for many veterans and yet help them maintain their dignity, which to me is very important.

Over the summer months our Youth Board has been extremely busy working with kids to help them get fitted for shoes by taking them shoe shopping and having a little pizza party along the way. In addition, these amazing kids volunteered their time to helping build beds for kids in the area that do not have one (another thing that gives me pause – who doesn't deserve a bed?). Now that school is back in session, our Youth Board will continue to be involved in the bike giveaways, helping provide families with food for thanksgiving and participating in the annual Tinsel Tree event, just to name a few. I know I have said this many times, but I think it needs repeating. The kids who serve on our Youth Board are amazing and when I see them in action I see the next generation of leaders and feel confident that we are in good hands! As I said before, you may never meet any of these kids but know that you, through your generosity, are not only making a difference in the lives of the kids and veterans we are able to help, but also to this awesome group of kids who are truly making a difference!

In closing, once again I want to thank you for your continued support of the Just For Kids Foundation. Without you none of this could take place. You make it happen and you are a true source of inspiration to us, and especially me, because it makes my belief come true, that we together can make a difference, one kid at a time.

May God continue to bless you and your families!

Wayne



Annual Shoe Shopping Event

The Just for Kids Youth Board hosted our annual Shoe Shopping Event, and it was a HUGE success! This year, we were thrilled to provide new school shoes for more than 50 local kids. We're blessed to be able to help them start the school year with confidence, excitement, and a little extra style! We're so grateful to our supporters. Without you, this annual event wouldn't be possible! We love giving back and making a difference, one child at a time!



Sleep in Heavenly Peace

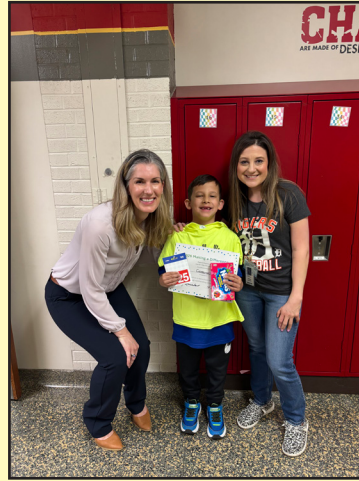


The Just for Kids Youth Board had the privilege of volunteering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace for a recent bed-building event. Together with other volunteers, we helped build approximately 56 beds for local children in need. From sanding and assembling to staining and branding, everyone worked hard to help make a difference. Every child deserves a bed to sleep in, and this organization is doing amazing work in our community to make that happen. They are always looking for volunteers and donations, so be sure to check them out if you're interested in helping. This is a project we will continue to help with in the future!



Making A Difference Awards

Each school year, our board members reward and recognize kids at local elementary schools who are making a difference in their school. The schools always have a program in place to recognize these kids, and the award winner is chosen by the teachers and staff at the school for an extra special Just for Kids gift. Each child chosen receives a Just for Kids t-shirt, candy and a gift card of their choice. Just for Kids believes it is important to let kids know that their efforts don't go unnoticed!



Helping our Veterans and Active-Duty Military

Because of the generous support of our donors, we can continually offer help to our local veteran food pantry, **I Support the 1%**. We are also able to regularly offer support to a local organization that sends care packages to our active-duty military, **Aaron's Gifts from Home**. Both organizations are doing amazing work! We are grateful and honored to be able to support them in any way possible. Thank you to our supporters for blessing us with the resources to make a difference in the lives of our veterans and active-duty military.





Thank you to the Board Members of the Maier & Associates Charitable Foundation! Because of your donations of time and talent, we have been able to actively make a difference in the lives of kids in the Great Lakes Bay Region!

Wayne & Rita Maier, of Maier & Associates Financial Group, Founders
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Interview with a Youth Board Member

Name: Kate Cataline **Grade:** 12th **School:** John Glenn High School

How long have you been a member of the Just for Kids youth board? This is my 2nd year

What is your favorite project that you have been a part of on the youth board? My favorite project I did was Christmas shopping. I loved doing this because there were so many different parts to it. We got to go shopping and wrap presents with the youth board and then we got to make so many little kids happy when we gave them the presents.

What part of the youth board mission do you connect with? I connect with the mission of being able to make a difference in so many kids lives. Along with this, it is really cool knowing that I am making an impact in our community.

Who/What has been your biggest inspiration while being a part of the youth board? My best friend Jayna has been my biggest inspiration while being a part of the youth board. Mainly because she is the one that encouraged me to join but also because she is a leader that I look up to every day.

What is something you do with the youth board that you wish to continue in your future? The biggest thing I believe the youth board does is give back to the community. Being a senior and it being my last year on the board I know that giving back does not stop here. I will continue to work on this.



Name: Harper Jackson **Grade:** 11th **School:** John Glenn High School

How long have you been a member of the Just for Kids youth board? 3 years

What is your favorite project that you have been a part of on the youth board? My favorite project has been taking the kids back to school shoe shopping, that was so fun!!

What part of the youth board mission do you connect with? The main mission with Just for Kids that I connect most with is getting to work with kids one on one and really getting to know them.

Who/What has been your biggest inspiration while being a part of the youth board? My biggest inspiration has been Stephanie and all the people on Just for Kids for doing amazing things and making such a difference!!

What is something you do with the youth board that you wish to continue in your future? I would hope to still continue shopping for the kids at the Boys and Girls Clubs, like getting them gifts, and back to school stuff!!



YOUR \$25 DONATION

Your \$25 donation could help us provide a gift card to a local business to be given to one of our Making a Difference award winners.

YOUR \$50 DONATION

Your \$50 donation could help us purchase shoes or clothing for a needy child in one of our local elementary schools.

YOUR \$100 DONATION

Your \$100 donation could help us purchase a scooter to be given away as a citizenship award to a local child.

YOUR \$150 DONATION

Your \$150 donation could help us purchase a bike to be given away at one of our bike drops at local elementary schools.

YOUR \$500 DONATION

Your \$500 donation could help support a Youth Board activity, allowing them to choose a local non-profit to purchase items for.

YOUR \$1500 DONATION

Your \$1500 donation could cover the cost of a college scholarship for an area high school student.

Please make checks payable to Just for Kids. Thank you for your continued support!