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## FRIENDSGIVING THIS THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 26, 2014 SUSAN TOLER-CARR LEAVE A COMMENT

### FRIENDSGIVING

As the end of the year quickly approaches, we must say again how truly thankful and blessed we are to have you—our dear and very generous friends—supporting us and the Justin Carr Wants World Peace Foundation (JCWWP), not just with your time or monetary contributions, but your very connection to us...

Although, we're forced to have a second Thanksgiving without our beautiful Justin physically here, we're once again reminded of what Thanksgiving really means...Thanks. Giving. So, we are thanking giving for your "Friendsgiving", because without that support we would not be in this place. So many from all walks of life, cultural descent and ages, have become quiet foot soldiers and walk beside us—for whom we are forever grateful. You all are a beautiful reflection of Justin's belief that no matter where we come from, we are always stronger standing together than apart...

Another reflection of Justin's impact is his story being shared around the world, that's generated a strong year for JCWWP (and personally strengthened us). Accomplishments in 2014 include:

- Dare 2 Dream:** Among quite a few examples of achievement due to the program, one student won a scholarship to attend the prestigious *Belvoir Terrace Visual and Performing Arts Summer Program* in Boston; another won a trip to Monaco for Princess Stéphanie's *Festival International du Cirque de Monte-Carlo*...

- Benefit Programs & Products:** *ArtsAhimsa* Concert in honor of Justin; *Angeles Chorale Concert* in honor of Justin on his 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday; and *JCWWP luggage tags* travel the world...
- Medical Partnerships:** We were invited to share Justin's story at the 2014 American Heart Association Ball <http://youtu.be/7g9Zb8ZXA>; and are currently working on a heart, art and peace project for testing and to educate others about early heart disease detection.
- Awards:** *CBS2 LA News* wins an *Emmy Award* for Justin's story
- Paying It Forward:** Funded cost to remove a huge neck growth on a young man in Jinja, Uganda... He's a good kid, the oldest of 6, very impoverished background, his mother has HIV – and his name is Justin...

Our goals for 2015 are even more ambitious, as we continue this journey of giving...

- Justin's *Dare 2 Dream* Math Tutoring and Arts at underserved Schools
- An *April Love Notes Presents Justin Carr Wants World Peace Benefit Concert* created and produced by one of Justin's high school friends
- Provide Scholarships to Visual and Performing Arts Programs
- Obtain partnerships with major companies to educate and test for early heart disease detection (stay tuned)

If you would like to help us with these endeavors among others, please note that the *Pasadena Community Foundation* <http://www.pasadenacf.org> accepts donations for JCWWP any time of the year. [http://www.pasadenacf.org/donate\\_how.aspx](http://www.pasadenacf.org/donate_how.aspx).

*Learning to Grieve with Gratitude* has become our mantra... And grateful we are, because of our friends who have given their time, energy, spirit and love. JCWWP has achieved a lot this year. We also know that we need each and every one of you to help us continue on our quest to do better and be better just like Justin.

It is true how love does show up in unexpected ways, and we feel that love through you, because to paraphrase John Lennon we've been able to get by with a "little" help from our friends, and we do need everybody, and we appreciate all of your love. Your support has enabled the ripple effects of JCWWP and Justin's life to allow us to see stars even on the darkest days. Below are true testimonies of how his butterfly wings and your JCWWP contributions help others continue to soar, and for us to beam with pride...

Thank you again for being there as our broken hearts slowly heal and for your generous support... May this holiday bring you peace, love, faith, friendship and continued service to others—everything your *friendsgiving* gives us.

In Peace and Love,

Susan & Darrell Carr

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### THANKS GIVING TO THOSE IMPACTED BY JUSTIN & JCWWP HERE ARE WORDS FROM A FEW...

"I want to do something amazing that will leave the world better than when I arrive...that's a skill I learned from Justin." Jackie—8<sup>th</sup> Grader

"He had such goodness in his soul and he radiated kindness. He always put others before him. It was never about him. It's as if his goal was to make everyone around him feel happy, and he always succeeded." Marianne—12<sup>th</sup> Grader

"He has truly changed me to be more accepting, to listen, and to be grateful for even the smallest of things. I hope to make my mark, to make an impact on the world...anyone who knew Justin undoubtedly derived inspiration from his demeanor and his determination. So any change any of us makes, is a change that Justin makes. Just know that Justin continues to live through me in college." Maddy—College Freshman

"Justin talked to me about how he was actually self-conscious in his swim team and even in acting about not being good enough and that fear is exactly what pushed him to be great. And that is the single most important piece of advice I have ever received in my life." Eugénie—College Freshman

"I think I admired Justin from too far away, and I wish I could've taken him under my wings more (though he needed no help)...As I move further into adulthood, I know without question that...Justin will continue to anchor me to gratitude and positivity." Evan—College Junior

"Justin's legacy will always fuel them (the kids) with appreciation for the preciousness of life, engaging in it with courage, and serving the world. Whether they fully realize it now or not... Heck, that's a lesson he left me. And trust me, I think of Justin often..." Shelley—Parent

"The Holy Spirit is working through you. It is said, "If you want (World) Peace, work for justice." Justin and justice have the same root: righteousness... " Heaven (turquoise) and earth (brown) are filled with your glory... Amen!" Walk in the light...THERE WILL BE RIPPLES... AT EACH HEART BEAT...RIPPLES OF LOVE...RIPPLES OF PEACE...RIPPLES OF MERCY...RIPPLES OF COMPASSION...RIPPLES OF POWER... RIPPLES OF LIGHT...RIPPLES OF JOY...RIPPLES OF ETERNAL LIFE... "Fr Christopher (La Rocca) OCD Carmelite Missionary, Uganda—Susan's Elementary School friend

The following is an example of special testimonies we received from those who either watched the news segment about us and Justin's story prompting schools to test students for undetected heart disease or at a screening event:

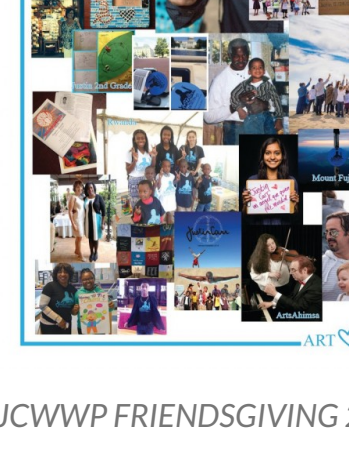
"I have wanted to reach out to you to tell you about our August Screening event... You were on my heart that day as we were able to screen over 100 students through Cardiology and provide physicals. When I saw concerned Echocardiogram techs running down to catch a parent to meet with the Cardiologist again, I knew we had found something significant. The screening captured a serious life threatening undiagnosed condition in this young man..."

I have wanted to tell you of this and let you know that I was thinking of Justin that whole day as I do at every event...I also felt a sense of peace as I told Justin... "we saved this one for you." There was a sense of immense emotion as we gave this child back to his mom and told her about your story. It brought tears to her eyes and she pledged to be praying for your family as well.

We are happy to have saved this one young man in Justin's honor and memory, and we will continue to move into the future to provide cardiac screenings for our students. Hoping to save families the terrible grief you have been through. May God bless you today and everyday" High School Nurse

These testimonies not only comfort us to know that the impact of Justin's life continues, but are also evidence that the work of JCWWP Foundation must continue as well... Thank you!

**A final testimony from Susan...** For Thanksgivings past, our family trio would frequent San Francisco to visit my family. But in 2012, Justin insisted all family up North travel south to our home. Thrilled, Justin made a floor plan of the sleeping arrangements (those engineer genes in him!), and carefully planned an excursion to visit his favorite playground, Disneyland. We all had a fun, fabulous time. He was so excited that his staycation was successful... We don't know what made him insist on wanting to celebrate at home, but we are so blessed that our last Thanksgiving with Justin was so full of happiness, laughter and love...



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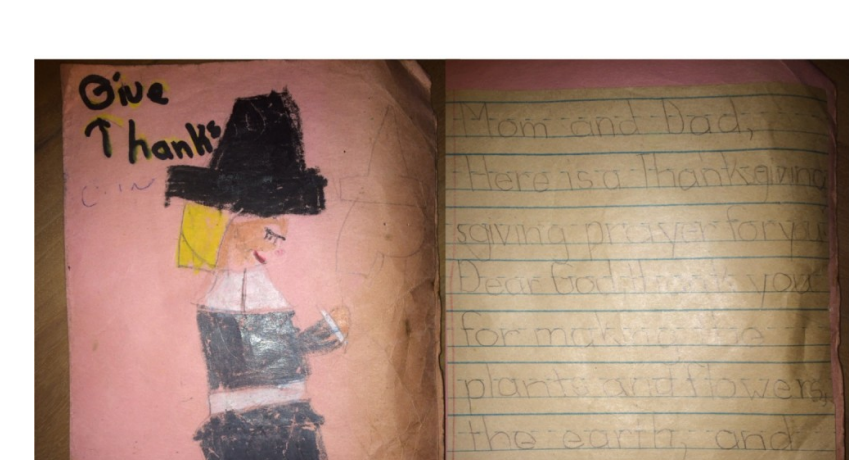
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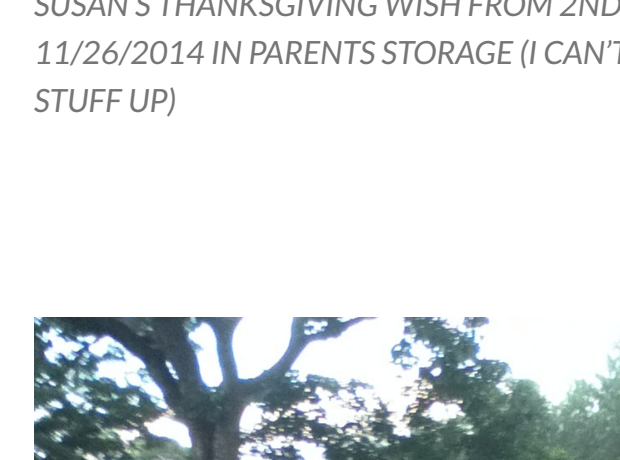
JUSTIN WITH HIS LITTLE COUSINS ON THANKSGIVING 2012



MOMMY & ME DISNEYLAND DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING 2012



SUSAN'S THANKSGIVING WISH FROM 2ND GRADE FOUND 11/26/2014 IN PARENTS STORAGE (I CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP)



JUSTIN IN UGANDA BEFORE HIS SURGERY

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