



judi's house  JAG Institute
For Grieving Children and Families

Donor Driven Toolkit



Thank You!

Thank you for your interest in hosting an event to support the grieving children and families of Judi's House /JAG Institute (JH/JAG)! Your partnership allows us to provide grief care to bereaved children and families—free of charge.

We want to help aid your success and hope that most things that you need are included here. However, if they aren't, please don't hesitate to contact us—we welcome a conversation with you!

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About Judi's House/ JAG Institute

Mission and Vision

Our mission is to help children and families grieving a death find connection and healing.

Our vision is that no child should be alone in grief.

Core Values

Accountability. We hold ourselves and each other accountable to the purpose that connects us to Judi's House.

Compassion. We invite and value the unique and shared universal experience of grief.

Courage. We strive for continuous growth by challenging the status quo, discovering blind spots, and learning from our accomplishments and mistakes.

Respect. We value differences and promote environments where everyone can authentically express themselves to advance equity and understanding.

What We Do

We believe that by supporting children grieving a death loss builds connection and coping skills that lead to healing. By investing in direct services, training, and research, we help families adjust to loss and prepare for future challenges.

All services and programs are provided at no cost. We rely entirely on private donations and our community of dedicated volunteers and staff to fulfill our mission.

Why

[According to our CBEM data](#), an estimated 6 million children in the U.S. will experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 18. That number more than doubles to 14.7 million youth by age 25.

Our goal is to ensure grieving children and their caregivers receive the compassionate care they need and deserve. By eliminating barriers to care, we can help prevent negative outcomes of unaddressed grief such as mental health concerns, relationship difficulties, academic problems, reduced resilience, and low self-esteem.





Hosting A Donor Driven Event

What Does Donor Driven Mean

A donor driven fundraiser is any revenue generating activity organized or implemented by an external collaborator (individual, business, or school) with limited or no assistance from JH/JAG staff.


Anyone can host a fundraiser with our approval -- With your exclusive fundraising efforts, we can increase support and raise awareness for childhood bereavement.

Donor Driven Event Checklist

- Come up with your idea. How will you raise money for Judi's House/JAG Institute? Reference the event ideas list in this document for inspiration. Then, settle on a date, time, and location for your event.
- Fill out our online [Fundraising Event Registration form](https://www.jewishhouse.org/wpengine.com/event-application). Please visit [jewishhouse.org](https://www.jewishhouse.org).
- Reach out to development@jewishhouse.org or cassidyj@jewishhouse.org if you need any logos, brochures, or social media templates to be sent to you.
- Hold your event! Have fun, take pics, and share online -- Show the community how much you care using the power of social media. Good luck!
- Report back. Send in your donation and look out on our social media for a shout out!

Event Ideas

Here are a few ideas to get you started imagining your fundraiser. Feel free to think outside the box, too. Get creative and have fun!





Watch Party

Transform watching a favorite show or a movie night into a fundraising event. Host a watch party where all the proceeds go toward your fundraising goal.

Party With a Purpose

Host a themed event and donate the proceeds to Judi's House/JAG Institute. If you have an upcoming birthday, anniversary, shower or bar/bat mitzvah, consider making a contribution to Judi's House/JAG Institute in lieu of personal gifts.

Businesses Give Back

If you are a business, restaurant or brewery – choose a day/month to donate a percentage of revenue to Judi's House/JAG Institute.

Organize an Outing

Organize a golf or bowling tournament/karaoke night/art show/ etc. Invite family, friends, and coworkers and ask for donations to participate in the event.

School Fundraiser

Kids and teens love to help! Have fun with students while teaching them about philanthropy with anything from a coin drive to delivering candy grams to a read-a-thon. Encourage after school clubs and groups to engage their wider school community in raising funds by coming up with a school fundraiser idea.

Other Ideas

- Bake sale
- BBQ or Chili Cook-Off
- Exercise Class by Donation
- Improv or Comedy Show
- Talent Show
- Car Wash
- Bonfire Night
- Casino Night
- Photo Contest
- Board Game Tournament
- Tailgate Party
- House Concert
- Beer or Wine Tasting
- Yard Sale
- Clothing Swap
- Battle of the Bands
- Craft Sale
- Used Book Sale
- Scavenger Hunt
- Silent Auction
- Fun Run/Walk
- Trivia Night
- Supply Drive
- Happy Hour

Need more ideas? Contact us at development@judishouse.org and we'll happily brainstorm ideas with you.





Our Logo and Brand Elements

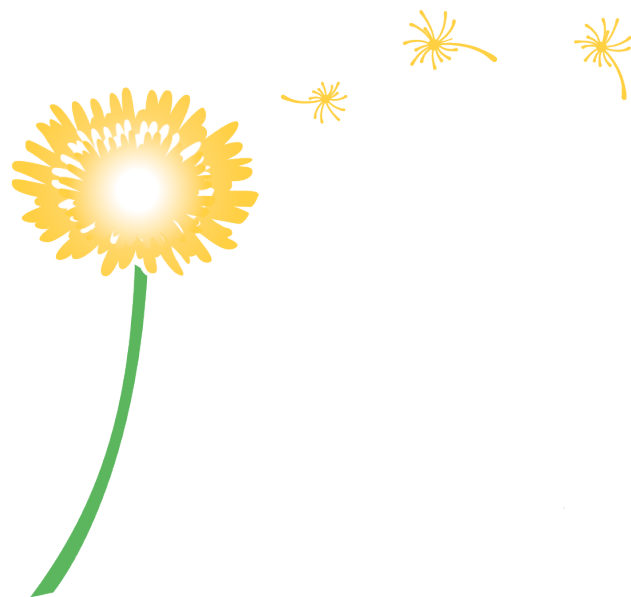
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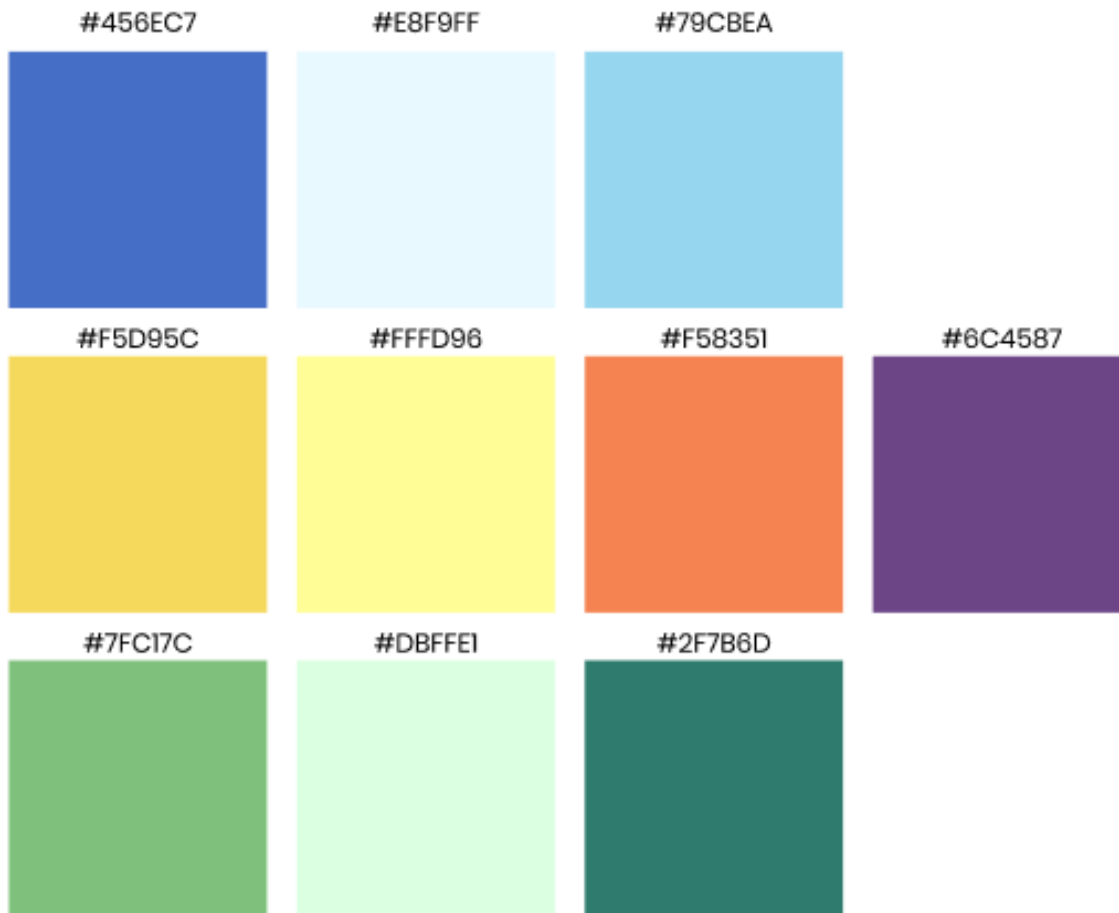


Logos are available in .jpg, .png, .tif, and .pdf formats. We can provide small, medium, and large sized logos with both solid and transparent backgrounds.





Color Palette



Social Media Tips

Use social media as an additional fundraising tool. Be sure to include fundraising and event links in your posts and encourage your friends to share and spread the message.

If you hold a party, a drive, or an event to benefit Judi's House/ JAG Institute, please tag us on social media. This gives our followers a chance to see how people are supporting us each and every day, and how that support makes a difference.





Find us and follow us on these social media channels:

- o Facebook: @JudisHouseDenver
- o X: @JudisHouse
- o Instagram: @JudisHouse
- o Youtube: @JudisHouse

We are more than happy to help you promote your event through shares, likes, and posts. Additionally, we will thank you on our social media channels for supporting us.

Donations & Their Impact on our Families

Donation Information

Gifts can be made by check, cash, or credit card. Checks should be made payable to “Judi’s House” and mailed to:

Judi’s House
10125 E 25th Ave,
Aurora, CO 80010

You can also donate online at judishouse.org/donate.

Note: Only donations made directly to JH/JAG are eligible to be tax-deductible. It is illegal for event organizers to state verbally or in any promotional materials that donations made to the event organizers are tax-deductible by utilizing Judi’s House’s IRS 501(c)(3) status.

How is my Gift Being Used ?

We take a whole family, whole child, and whole community approach to bereavement care. Your contribution will be directed towards the area of greatest need, which means your gift could support any of our key initiatives:

- Direct Service
 - Training & Education
 - Evaluation & Research
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Special Fundraising Note

Matching Gift: Why not double your fundraising efforts? Before you start coordinating your event, check to see if your employer has a “matching gift” program.

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. You can see if you can double your donation by visiting judishouse.org/employer-matching-gifts.

Your Impact

\$100 = Snack Bags

Funds family snack bags for one night of group programming.

\$180 = Memorial Quilts

Funds one years worth of memorial quilt square materials.

\$250 = Community Workshop

Provides a one-hour grief workshop for students.

\$300 = Sponsor a Dinner

Funds a dinner for one night of group services.

\$500 = Supplies

Provides five weeks of grief support program supplies.

\$1,500 = Sponsor a Child

Supports a grieving child with Comprehensive Grief Care®.

\$2,500 = Supporting a Community Based Care Group

Funds the cost of a community-based middle school Pathfinders group.

\$5,000 = Grief-focused Training for our Interns

Allows us to invest in one year of intensive grief-focused training for master’s level interns leading to a more grief-informed workforce.

\$7,500 = Supports a Post-graduate Trainee

Funds a post-graduate trainee stipend for 6 months.

\$10,000 = 70 hours of Training and Consultation

Underwrites 70 hours of custom trainings and consultation on grief care best practices for the childhood bereavement field.





Donor Driven Fundraising Guidelines

- Please wait for written approval prior to using JH/JAG names, logos, or promotional materials; including invitations, press releases, flyers, social media, posters, etc. in advance of event announcement.
- The Judi's House/JAG Institute names and logos are valuable assets to our organization. Modifications cannot be made to the JH/JAG name, logos, or trademarks.
- Organization mission and vision statement should be printed and verbally stated.
- If additional entities participate in the fundraiser, there should be no actual or implied endorsement that suggests a relationship with JH/JAG and said entity.
- JH/JAG places high value on donor ethics, therefore, we request that any promotional materials clearly state the percentage of proceeds to be donated. (e.g., \$1 of every item sold, or 50% of ticket sales will be donated to Judi's House).
- All Judi's House clients have the right to respect and privacy. Consequently, we require that no child or family member be exploited or misrepresented in connection with the fundraiser.

Financial Responsibilities

JH/JAG will NOT be responsible for any expenses or debts incurred. As a third party, you are responsible for all event/activity expenses, including but not limited to: food, beverages, marketing, advertising, supplies, venue/permit fees, and incidentals.

Government Legalities, Regulations and Licensing

JH/JAG assumes no legal or financial liability associated with donor driven fundraising. All activities taking place during your event must be legal, according to local, state, and federal regulations.

As a third party, you agree to obtain all required permits, licenses, and insurance policies necessary. Any event that will provide alcoholic beverages must operate under a valid liquor license. Events should always discourage drinking and driving.





A note on raffles:

In the state of Colorado, individuals and for-profit organizations cannot hold raffles. Only non-profit organizations that have been in existence in Colorado for five or more years are eligible to be licensed and conduct bingo and/or raffles.

To conduct any type of raffle activity within Colorado, the non-profit organization must obtain a license from The Colorado Secretary of State office. **Judi's House/JAG Institute cannot provide you with a raffle license.**

Learn more about Colorado raffle and bingo laws and how you can apply for an application by consulting www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/bingo_raffles/FAQs/raffles.html

Judi's House Staff and Volunteer Involvement

While JH/JAG will attempt to provide requested staff or volunteers, we cannot guarantee staff attendance at events. Please note that with respect to the privacy of our supporters, JH/JAG does not provide mailing lists to event organizers.





On behalf of the children and families we support at Judi's House/JAG Institute

Thank You!

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