



## CURE JM LATEST NEWS—JULY 2009

### **National Cure JM Foundation Conference/Fundraiser** – Austin, Texas, Feb. 12-14, 2010

Spend Valentine's Day weekend listening to national JM experts, meeting other JM families and helping us raise funds through the Austin Marathon and Half-Marathon! The weekend includes:

- An educational seminar featuring Dr. Lauren Pachman (Chicago Children's Memorial Research Center and Hospital), Dr. Ann Reed (Mayo Clinic) and Dr. Lisa Rider (NIH).
- JM family gathering and support group meetings (including supervised activities for children)
- Marathon and half-marathon event for Cure JM runners and volunteers

*If you are interested in attending or running, please register at [www.firstgiving.com/curejm](http://www.firstgiving.com/curejm)  
Also, see attached event flyer.*

### **Cure JM Young Adult Event** – Chicago, October 10-11, 2009

Join us for an educational forum, including a tour of the Cure JM Center of Excellence in JM Research, medical updates from our experts, and a fundraising event geared specifically toward young adults. This event will be held in conjunction with the Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

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### **Fundraising Update**

THANK YOU to all the families who have been holding fundraisers. We are grateful for all the read-a-thons, golf tournaments, lemonade stands, Monte Carlo nights, swim-a-thons, marathons and more. *We are now half way to this year's fundraising goal of 500,000.*

Looking for a fundraising idea? Here are two easy ones:

**Facebook Causes:** Recently one JM mother requested donations to Cure JM in lieu of birthday presents using Facebook Causes and an e-mail letter to friends. This simple action resulted in more than \$1,500 in donations.

**EBay Giving Works:** Cure JM Foundation is now registered with eBay Giving Works, so clean out those closets and garages and sell your stuff on eBay! Select Cure JM to receive 10% to 100% of your proceeds. To get started, click [here](#). And, for over 50 additional fundraising ideas, click [here](#).

### **Cure JM Advisory Council**

Four members have been added to the Cure JM Advisory Council: Suzanne Edison, Deepa Gupta, Damon Smedley and Dr. Julie Wohrley. Learn more about these JM parents who will be providing their expertise to our organization by clicking [here](#).

Thanks for your continued support! Together, we can ensure that our children have a better future.  
*Rhonda, Jacque, Patti, Shari and Tom*

**P.S. Check out these new music videos dedicated to Mason, who is battling JM with great courage.**

**Savannah Outen's song *Hope and Prayer*:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1T86xM3RFw>

**Jessica Lerner's song *Miracle*:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2gabwAri9A>

**Mason's family and friends are holding a benefit concert for Cure JM in Portland on August 8<sup>th</sup> featuring Jessica, Savannah and 8 other bands. For more info. on the concert, click here:**

<http://www.curejmconcert.myevent.com/>