

Dear Community Member,

The Jake Offutt Foundation was created in our son's memory. At the age of 14, our son, Jake, was diagnosed with Anaplastic Astrocytoma, a very aggressive form of brain cancer that is hard to treat and difficult to cure. He underwent surgery, radiation and chemotherapy, but complications ultimately became too much and the cancer cells were all throughout his cerebral spinal fluid. Sadly, Jake passed away seven short months after his diagnosis at the age of 15.



Throughout his illness, Jake remained so strong and brave. Jake's story has touched the lives of many, and it is our hope to keep his memory alive. The Jake Offutt Foundation strives to "pay it forward" by giving back to the community. Over the last year, we have provided almost \$12,000 in scholarships to Tristar Martial Arts for those wishing to take martial arts but cannot afford to do so. We also donated \$10,000 to local schools for academic and athletic related needs. Our goal is to double this for next year.

In addition to the local community causes we support, we also feel the need to help fight for a cure for pediatric cancer. We were not able to save Jake, but we will fight to save other children. The reality is, children are dying every day waiting for a cure. Parents are dying inside everyday holding on to hope and praying to find a cure for their child. Only three new drugs have been approved for use in children's cancer treatment in 30 years, compared with the hundreds that have been developed specifically for adults. National Cancer Institute spends 96% of its budget on adult cancers and only 4% of its budget on children's cancers. The large gap in private and government funding results in children dying.

On Saturday, May 20, 2017, a fundraising event, "Rock for Jake", will be held in Jake's honor at The Carroll County AG Center in Westminster, MD. Proceeds from the event will go towards helping area schools with academic and athletic related needs, providing individuals scholarships towards martial arts classes and funding for The Children's Cancer Foundation for pediatric cancer research.

We would appreciate a business such as yours supporting our foundation with these causes. We are respectfully requesting that you consider making a donation or donating an items for our silent auction today. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Leah Offutt at 443-340-2601 or [embracethewarriorwithin@yahoo.com](mailto:embracethewarriorwithin@yahoo.com). Thank you for your generosity and support.



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A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles. –Christopher Reeve