

## JH Gives Jim Cuevas Funding for Carbon Wheelchair Racing Wheels

Inspires an 8th Grade Class To Take Action



Jeremy's Heroes is proud to introduce Jeremy's Heroes Kid, Jim Cuevas. Jim Cuevas is a seventh grader at P.S. 34 in Jersey City, NJ, with dreams of going to the Paralympic Games in Track and Field. Jim applied to Jeremy's Heroes to help get new equipment for his race wheelchair. What makes Jim unique is that he is not just a fierce competitor, but also a compassionate one. Among his many trophies for winning races, he has numerous Sportsmanship awards.

Jim was born with Spina Bifida and is wheelchair bound. This has not stopped him from participating and excelling in basketball, swimming, sled hockey and track and field. Unfortunately, while Jim was able to get a race wheelchair, the wheels, which would enable him to be competitive with the best in the nation, cost \$3,000.00.

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## JH and City Parks Foundation Open New Tennis Program in Bronx

Hundreds of Kids To Benefit

**CityParks Tennis** opens in Woodlawn Park in the Bronx thanks to Jeremy's Heroes. With funding from Jeremy's Heroes, over 100 children will be able to participate in a free tennis program this summer. The program has already begun and will run throughout the summer on Mondays and Wednesdays, giving children an oasis of

fun away from the hot city streets. The children will learn the basics of tennis from trained tennis coaches, and they will learn the importance of giving back to their community from Jeremy's Heroes by helping to care for their local park.

Jeremy's Heroes will be visiting Woodlawn Park to visit with the children, hand out t-shirts and talk to them about being Jeremy's Heroes Kids. If you would like more information on visiting the tennis program or if you would like to volunteer to coach tennis, **contact us at [jglick@jeremysheroes.org](mailto:jglick@jeremysheroes.org)**. With the success of this partnership, look for the beginning of a great relationship with the **City Parks Foundation** where Jeremy's Heroes will continue to open doors for NYC kids to participate in sports that were previously out of their reach. *jh*

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## Kids Helping Kids... DC Scores Update

31 DC Scores children were the proud recipients of summer soccer camp scholarships from Jeremy's Heroes this year. They were selected for their fine soccer skills, good sportsmanship, year-long creative writing, and finally, for their essay submissions to Jeremy's Heroes. The essay topic this year was **"What can you do to help other youth in your community?"** Below are two essays that represent our Jeremy's Heroes Kids. *jh*

### "Youth in My Community" by Brynee.



As a student, I can teach the youth in my community how to read and how to spell. I can tell the older kids to read more books and to help the younger kids. I can share some of the poetry I've written during writing workshop. I can also tell other youth about all the fun we've had in writing workshop. Other kids need to know that they can make a difference in their community with the help of teammates and coaches.

As a student I can teach the kids in my community to be focused committed and respectful. I can teach them to have good citizenship, teamwork, compassion, sportsmanship, leadership, and dedication. I can also teach them defense skills. I can try to get kids of all ages in my community interested in soccer so when they get old enough they can play on a team, especially if they want to play soccer now.

### "Helping Youth in My Community" by Amber.

I can help youth in my community by getting them involved in soccer and other sports. Soccer can be important to them because it teaches them leadership, commitment, and teamwork as well as good sportsmanship.

Soccer can be fun. Being on a team makes you feel as though you belong to a special club. It's like having another family. Many youth in my community don't really have a tight family and being involved with soccer can help them feel like they belong as a team or what I like to consider a second family.

Soccer can help youth concentrate more in school. A ball in soccer is like numbers in math. You have to concentrate and think of a strategy in order to solve a problem. During soccer games you have to use strategies in order to make a goal. Soccer can help youth in so many ways that's why I'm involved!