

A Word from the Coach

Jennifer Glick, Executive Director



Sometimes when we set out to teach children, it is actually the children who teach us. For this holiday season, I'd like to share a gift that some very special JH kids taught me this month about the meaning of "community".

Three years ago, an incredible bunch of friends, family members and acquaintances, created a foundation to honor Jeremy Glick which focused on one of his passions, sports. We envisioned that Jeremy's Heroes would provide grants to children pursuing sports, and in return, the children would give back to their community through service projects. After all, wasn't that what Jeremy did when he, using his athleticism, made the ultimate sacrifice to his country by fighting the terrorists aboard his plane to save other lives? I have watched this concept mature and develop into an exciting and effective program that has even greater results than we could have imagined. Our work with both individual athletes and large programs, beginners and Olympic hopefuls, has enabled Jeremy's character and courage to continue to thrive.

Most notably this year, we have introduced a physical education and character curriculum to the St. Marks School (see page 2). Recently, as part of the JH curriculum, I asked the children to define their community. Most adults would define their community as their school, church, neighborhood, or town. The city kids from St. Marks, exposed to both terrorism and now war, taught me that their definition of "community" includes *all children from around the world*. For their community service, they have developed a series of projects that will benefit their community. Now, different groups of children from Africa to India will be assisted by the St. Marks kids who wish to improve their "community." Our JH kids are now our ambassadors of the JH philosophy around the world! "Dream It, Live It, Teach It" is in full force!

Thank you to all who have made it possible for Jeremy's Heroes to flourish. With your continued help, we can insure that Jeremy's Heroes grows to keep up with the children's definition of "community." If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, referring a child athlete, program or school in need of help or making a tax deductible donation, please **contact me at: (877) 654-6773 or jglick@jeremysheroes.org**.

My best wishes to you for a healthy and happy holiday season.

Jennifer *jh*

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Memo from the Front Office

Debbie Green, President



The holidays are a time of celebration and reflection, a time to be thankful for what we have and be mindful of those who are not as fortunate. I feel blessed that I have had the opportunity to meet so many extraordinary kids, coaches, and parents through my work with Jeremy's Heroes. I have seen, as you will from the JH kids spotlighted in our newsletter, the amazing impact that our organization is having in communities across the country. I wish you could feel the warm embraces, hear the enthusiasm, and see the tears of joy in the eyes of those touched by our program- it is gratifying and inspiring.

John F. Kennedy once said, "Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation." You matter to Jeremy's Heroes, and you can make a difference in our organization.

To those of you who have selflessly given of your time and talent to be Directors, Committee Members, Donors, and Volunteers, I thank you. For those of you who can do more for Jeremy's Heroes in 2005, we invite you to join our team right now by joining our Golf or Gala Committee, our Board of Directors, our Volunteer Squad, or our list of Donors and Sponsors. **Call or email me, (877) 654-6773, dgreen@jeremysheroes.org** I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

This holiday season is the perfect time to give a gift that is always in style, the gift of opportunity. Please give generously, and spread the word about our mission to friends and family members this holiday season - you will change kids' lives for the better!

Wishing you health, happiness, and peace!

Best Regards, Debbie *jh*

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