Helping sick and underprivileged children for the past 23 years

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Voted Best Local Charity on Long Island
Competition Subaru Shares The Love With The John Theissen Children’s Foundation

As part of their ongoing Competition Cares Campaign, Competition Subaru in Saint James is proud to give back to the community it serves. During this past holiday season and as part of Subaru’s Share The Love Event, Competition Subaru raised $26,289 in support of the John Theissen Children’s Foundation, a local Long Island Charity that has been providing toys and medical expense assistance to families of sick and underprivileged children in hospitals and child-care facilities across Long Island year round since 1992. The organization also donates recreational and therapeutic equipment to these facilities as well.

“This is the fourth year that Competition Subaru has been involved with the John Theissen Children’s Foundation and we plan on continuing our support for years to come” said Vincent Moscardino, General Sales Manager for Competition Subaru.

Nancy Buzzetta, Owner and President of Competition Subaru added, “I am so proud of all the people at Competition Subaru who made this possible. To see all their hard work and efforts result in us being able to provide support to the John Theissen Children’s Foundation is extremely rewarding”.

In honor of this accomplishment, Competition Subaru held a luncheon at the dealership where representatives of Subaru Distributors Corporation were also there to present the check for $26,289 to John Theissen. “I can’t thank the people at Subaru and most of all my friends at Competition Subaru enough for not only their financial support but their friendship and belief in the Foundation and look forward to their support for years to come” said John Theissen.

Photo of our first annual toy drive in 1992

In 2014, during our 23rd annual toy drive, we collected and distributed over 83,000 new toys and gifts.

Special Thanks to our Sponsor, Cox Radio WBAB 102.3 FM for 23 years of support
John Theissen Children’s Foundation

Celebrating 23 years of helping children in need.
How it all started:

September 28, 1988 is a date that I will never forget. I learned that I had a large mass growing on my Pituitary Gland, which is located at the base of my brain. I arrived home to find my mother and aunt crying. They explained that the CAT scan that I had earlier that day revealed a large tumor. I asked how much longer I had to live. Little did I know that the news I received on September 28, 1988 would change my life and shape my future aspirations.

I was admitted to the hospital on December 8, 1988 to prepare for the impending surgery on the following day. A small girl wearing her pajamas and an infectious smile entered my room and introduced herself. The spunky seven-year-old named Tasha was there receiving treatments for her own illness. Later I learned that Tasha was often left at the hospital for weeks at a time without a single visit from a family member. The hospital staff became her family.

Tasha was a welcome presence in my hospital room throughout my stay there. Her good-natured innocence was uplifting. She did her best to make me smile and she checked in frequently to make certain that I was comfortable. The nurses were amused and revealed that during my surgery Tasha was concerned and insisted on frequent updates.

Days later, the pediatric patients and their families were being treated to a special holiday party wherein each child would receive a gift. Tasha was expecting to attend the event with her family but sadly, they did not fulfill their promise to her. Tasha’s excitement turned into tears and disappointment. She was wearing the party dress the nurses purchased for her when she shared her unhappiness with us. I wanted badly to accompany her myself but I was still too weak. My mother offered to take her and Tasha was thrilled. She enjoyed the festive event. When Santa asked her to select a present, she stated, “I would like the teddy bear for my friend upstairs.” I felt fortunate to be that friend.

Tasha was released from the hospital and I never saw her again. I admired her positive attitude and generous spirit. Her selfless act of kindness inspired a legacy of giving.
BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Back to School Program will help underprivileged children from low-income families. Children in Kindergarten through High School will be provided with back to school clothes and school supplies for the school year. Each child will receive new clothes to wear including everything from socks and underwear to shirts, pants, and new shoes. The supplies will include but not be limited to backpacks, spiral notebooks, pencils and pens and other classroom necessities.

Back to school time can be difficult for many children whose families cannot afford new clothes or school supplies. Every child should have a chance to attend school and feel good about themselves. Studies have shown that many children do not attend the first day of school because they are too embarrassed that they do not have new supplies and clothing. New clothes and school supplies are all significant items for a child who would otherwise go without.

The children will be given a profile page to fill out which will include: their name, age, sex, favorite color, clothing size, shoe size, what their preferences are as far as dresses or pants for girls and sportswear or plain clothes for boys. These children will be carefully selected through agencies and centers. The distribution will take place in late August or early September before their first day of school.

The children who have benefited from our donations in the past have made us realize there is a greater need out there and we are hoping to promote higher self-esteem as these children begin their new school year.

2015 SAVE THE DATES
Please visit our website for more details  www.jtcf.org

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE
July 8 - September 12, 2015

SUMMER POKER TOURNAMENT
Thursday, August 13, 2015

FREAKY 5K RUN/WALK
Sunday, October 25, 2015

24th ANNUAL TOY & FUND DRIVE
November 9 - December 23, 2015

HOLIDAY GALA
Thursday, December 3, 2015
JOHN THEISSEN CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION
BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM
Now through September 12, 2015

Please donate new school supplies for sick underprivileged children on Long Island.
Grades K-12
1881 WANTAGH AVENUE
WANTAGH
For more information please call (516) 679-TOYS
www.jtcf.org
WE ARE COLLECTING:
New Backpacks
spiral notebooks marble notebooks loose leaf binders crayons
markers colored pencils pencils ballpoint pens rulers
pencil cases scissors glue sticks babywipes
Sponsor a Child for
The 2015-2016
Back to School Program

Your sponsorship will provide that child with a new complete outfit including shoes, pants, shirts, jacket, underwear as well as a backpack filled with new school supplies.

When you sponsor a child, you may choose a boy or a girl as well as the grade.

Sponsor a Child for the Back to School Program

$150: Provides a child with a new complete outfit including shoes, pants, shirts, jacket, underwear as well as a backpack filled with new school supplies

Preference: Boy   Girl

Preference: Elementary School   Middle School   High School

Other Amount __________

Payment Method: (circle one)  Check    Visa    MasterCard   Amex

Card #____________________________________ Exp.___/___

Four or three digit code number____

Name (print) __________________________________________Signature__________________________

Phone__________________ Address_______________________________________________

City______________________________State_________Zip________County____________________

Mail or fax this completed form with payment to:
John Theissen Children Foundation
1881 Wantagh Avenue
Wantagh, New York 11793
516-679-5098
Summer Poker Showdown

Thursday, August 13, 2015 6:30 PM
Knights of Columbus Memorare Club
2183 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783

Poker Tournament
100 plus players expected

To benefit
John Theissen Children’s Foundation

$150pp Includes: Open Bar, Dinner & Tournament

$10,000 Chip Starting Stack, Pre-register for additional $2,500

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE CALL (516) 679-5098 OR VISIT WWW.JTCF.ORG
1881 WANTAGH AVENUE, WANTAGH, NY 11793

For event sponsorship opportunities, please call 516-679-5098 or visit www.jtcf.org

Remove and mail to: JTCF, 1881 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11783

Name_______________________________________
Address_____________________________________
# of Tickets__________________________________
Amount___________

Method of Payment:
{ }Cash   { }Credit Card   { }Checks made payable to: JTCF

Credit Card { } Visa   { } MasterCard   { }Amex   { }Discover

Credit Card #____________________________________ 4 or 3 digit code____
Exp Date___________ Amount_________________
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Sponsorship Opportunities

[ ] Royal Flush Sponsor: Official Event Sponsor.........................$1,500
You will be a top sponsor of the Showdown. Your sponsorship will be prominently displayed at the
Showdown. Your sponsorship includes five entry tickets into the Showdown, a special recognition that
evening and four guest tickets.

[ ] Straight Flush Sponsor......................$1,000
Your sponsorship will be displayed at the Showdown. Your sponsorship includes three entry tickets
into the Showdown, a special recognition that evening and two guest tickets.

[ ] Quads...............................$750
Your sponsorship will be displayed at the Showdown. Your sponsorship includes two entry tickets into
the Showdown.

[ ] Full House.................................$500
Your sponsorship will be displayed at the Showdown. Your sponsorship includes one entry ticket into
the Showdown.

All Sponsorships include: Buffet Dinner, Drinks and Dessert

We gladly accept cash, checks and credit cards
Please make checks payable to: JTCF, 1881 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793
Please email your logo to john@jtcf.org before August 10, 2015

Name______________________________________________
Business ___________________________________________
Address____________________________________________
                     Town _________________________  Phone ______________  State  ______ Zip _________
Credit Card Info: Visa [ ] MasterCard [ ] American Express [ ] Discover

Card #__________________________  Exp Date_______  Code _______
John Theissen Children’s Foundation
Freaky 5K
Flat and Fast Course!

Sunday, October 25, 2015 8:30 AM Start

Start & Finish: Behind our Family Fun Center located at 1881 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY (Next to Hemingway’s Restaurant)

Register online at runsignup.com, mail or fax (516) 679-3338

RUNNERS/WALKERS: 5k 8:30am (Sharp)
$20 Pre-register postmarked by October 19, 2015
$25 Day of race 6:00AM to 8:00AM

FUN RUN: ¼ Mile Trick or Treat Trot (8:00 AM sharp)
$7 for children 10 and under and all entrants receive a medal and goody bag.

Pre-race packet pick up and registration: Friday 10/23 from 10AM-8PM and Saturday 10/24 from 8AM to 2PM at 1881 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793.

TIMING: timed by PRTIMING

Professional Race Announcer: Terry Bisogno

Finish Line Provided by: Race Awesome

Post-race drawing for dozens of great prizes including tickets to concerts and iPads, iPods, hotel getaways, XBOX one game system, and MUCH more!!! (Your entry is included with your registration)

AWARDS: Cash Prizes and Running Sculptures: Male and Female overall $250 for first place, $200 for second and $150 for Third. Top Overall Male and Female Masters $150 each. Course Bonuses: $100 for the Top Male under 16 minutes and Top Female under 18 minutes

Wheelchair Division: Top 3 Overall M & F

Quality, large medals to the top five finishers in each age group: 13 & under, 14-16, 17-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 plus!

COSTUME AWARDS! Dress up in your Halloween costume to win prizes awarded in two categories, adults and children under 14.

AMENITIES:
Top quality, dri-fit, long sleeve running shirts will be given to the first 700 registrants. Plenty of post-race refreshments will be provided.

RACE DIRECTOR: John Theissen

This race is directed by a runner. It will be organized as a race should be; on time, on an accurate course, with quality awards and you won’t have to wait around all day for awards and raffle prizes.

RULES OF COMPETITION: For the Safety of all participants and to satisfy the insurance requirements, bay strollers, baby joggers or animals will be permitted on the course.

Please visit www.jtcf.org for more information, contact our office at 516-679-5098 or email john@jtcf.org.

Register online at runsignup.com or make checks payable to JTCF and mail to 1881 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________

Address _____________________________  Town ____________________  State ________  Zip __________

Phone _______________________________________  Email _______________________________________

Age (as of 10/25) _______  D.O.B. __________  Gender: M  F  Shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL

I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity and assume all risks associated with running in this event, including but not limited to change in running surfaces, falls, contact with other participants or spectators, the effect of weather, traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Therefore, in consideration of your accepting me to participate in today’s 5K Race/walk event and all its activities further, by my signature below, I release and discharge John Theissen Children’s Foundation DBA/ JTCF, the events sponsors, workers directors, volunteers Town of Hempstead and Nassau County from all actions, damages, suits and demands whatsoever, in law or equity, including but not limited to the risks of participation and the risks of personal injury by theft or otherwise. I am physically fit and have trained for this event. I hereby agree that there are risks involved while participating in today’s 5K Race/walk event and all its activities further, by my signature below, I release and discharge John Theissen Children’s Foundation DBA/ JTCF, the events sponsors, workers directors, volunteers Town of Hempstead and Nassau County from all actions, damages, suits and demands whatsoever, in law or equity, including but not limited to the risks of participation and the risks of personal injury by theft or otherwise. I am physically fit and have trained for the race/walk. The application warrants that “my physical condition has been verified by a licensed medical doctor. I give JTCF permission to take pictures and video of today’s event which may include my child/children and my family in them and may be used for promotional use for the foundation. If signed by a parent/guardian, the parent/guardian agrees to release and hold the named organization and persons families of any claims, which may be asserted by or on behalf of the entrant.

Signature:     X
On Tuesday, December 9, 2014, I had the honor of being a guest on the Steve Harvey Show. I was a recipient of the Harvey's Hero’s award. I was presented with a check in the amount of $10,000 from Burlington, Inc.
For further information please contact:

**John Theissen Children’s Foundation**
516-679-5098 or 516-679-TOYS
Fax 516-679-3338

*Monetary donations can be sent to:*
John Theissen Children’s Foundation
1881 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793

This donation is in honor of ________________________________

This donation is in memory of ________________________________

Please send acknowledgement of this donation to:
__________________________________________________________

Please make checks payable to:

JTCF

For Credit Card Payments:

[ ] Visa [ ] Mastercard
[ ] American Express [ ] Discover

[ ] $10 [ ] $25 [ ] $50 [ ] $100
[ ] OTHER_________

CARD #_____________________________________________________
EXPIRATION DATE__________________________________________
PHONE _______________ZIP CODE____________________________
NAME ON CARD____________________________________________
SIGNATURE_________________________________________________

All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law and will be acknowledged in writing by JTCF for IRS purposes.

**Methods of Contributing**

**Financial Contribution**

Financial contributions can be made by check, credit card or cash and are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Financial donations can be mailed to our office, over the phone or online at www.jtcf.org.

**In-kind Contributions**

Another method of contributing is through an in-kind donation. An in-kind donation is in the form of giftcards, event tickets, new toys, new clothing or any other property which you as the donor may make. In return you will receive a charitable deduction for the value of the item. It is the responsibility of the donor to secure an appraisal for the fair market value of the item to be donated.

**Matching Gifts**

Many corporations have matching gift programs for their employees. Contact your company’s Human Resources Department to determine if your company participates in a Matching Gift Program.

**Wills/Trusts/Endowments**

Please consider making JTCF part of your trust, bequest or endowment.

**Volunteer**

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our different programs, parties at the Fun Center, and special events. To become a volunteer please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (516) 679-TOYS

*Please Contact John Theissen*
Executive Director at:

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