



## Hayden's Journey of Inspiration

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Dear Friends of HJI:

I am writing to request your sponsorship of the 7th Annual 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk for Hayden's Journey of Inspiration Foundation (HJI).

HJI is a non-profit foundation providing housing assistance to families of Georgetown University Hospital pediatric cancer patients during their pursuit of potentially life-saving stem cell transplants at Duke University Medical Center. As a result of a cooperative arrangement between Duke and Georgetown, numerous pediatric patients go from Georgetown to Duke for stem cell transplants every year. Often, one parent stays home to care for siblings, while the other relocates to North Carolina to care for their sick child. Such costs are almost never covered by insurance. The stress, anxiety, and disruption of having a very sick child are therefore compounded by extreme financial and logistical burdens. HJI's mission is to make this trip less disruptive.

One very special girl who successfully made the same journey with her family founded HJI. HJI currently has three renovated and furnished apartments in Durham for use by families who must relocate for treatments at Duke. To learn more, please visit our website at [www.hjifoundation.org](http://www.hjifoundation.org).

The HJI 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2018 in the Wyngate neighborhood of Bethesda and will attract more than 300 runners, 150 volunteers, and many more spectators. Proceeds of the run go directly toward supporting the families who must make the journey from Georgetown to Duke for treatment.

Thank you for your consideration. Please see the enclosed sponsorship form for specific levels and ways in which sponsors will be recognized. A member of our HJI 5K Committee will be contacting you in the coming weeks to discuss a potential sponsorship. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 202-257-8843 or [info@hjifoundation.org](mailto:info@hjifoundation.org).

Sincerely,

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