“Right after Cassie was diagnosed, I had breakfast with a good friend and mentor who told me, ‘Dan, you have a new job now. You’re a caregiver.’ She was right. And the way I think about it is that my job is to not just be a caregiver but to be the best caregiver possible.”

-Dan
WE AREN’T AMAZING, OUR DONORS ARE

When COVID-19 hit, our goal for 2020 became simply to survive and keep serving caregivers however we could.

But what happened instead was the best year we’ve ever had. Because of our donors, our four fundraising campaigns all exceeded their goals. Because of our donors, we exceeded our total fundraising target that was set prior to the pandemic! Ultimately raising 40% more funding than we had the year before. And, because of our donors, we delivered more hours of programming in 2020 than in any prior year.

Now with 2020 behind us, many of us see light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. Kids who once dreamed of snow days are stoked to return to school. Adults who barely tolerated their jobs are giddy to return to work. But for most caregivers that light is nowhere near as bright. For them the COVID-19 vaccine isn’t a panacea. A vaccine can’t heal their loved one’s catastrophic illness. A vaccine isn’t bringing their lost loved one back. And vaccinated or not, caregivers will remain largely isolated in their caregiving experience.

But because of our donors, guys like Ishmael and Aaron (who’s stories you’ll find in this report) will have a bright spot in their lives. Because of our donors there’s a place where they are what all the fuss is all about. A place they get to sit still and get orbited around, rather than orbiting around everyone else. That’s because guys like Ishmael and Aaron are the sun in our solar system. They are our purpose. But it isn’t us who makes that possible, it’s our donors. And we are filled with gratitude for every single one of you!

Kyle Woody
Founder & Executive Director

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FINANCIALS

Total Income: $142,666
Total Expenses: $99,603
Net Income: $43,063

**Income**
- Grants 18%
- Corporate Support 41%
- Individual Donors 41%

**Expenses**
- Fundraising 16%
- Administration 5%
- Programming 79%

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED YEAR BY YEAR

Total Raised: $416,397
Last summer, Ishmael Israel was in the middle of a separation from his wife and had just finished the first day of the two-day bar exam when he found out his stepson had been diagnosed with sarcoma cancer. “It was hard to feel like I could smile,” Israel remembered. He was connected with Jack’s and joined a tour of a local brewery. “It was the first time I felt like I was able to actually talk to somebody,” he said. Cancer wasn’t the topic that night, but it was a commonality he knew he shared with the men around him.

Eric, Israel’s stepson, died just before Thanksgiving last year. He was 20 years old. Israel is now deep into studying to retake the bar exam, but he’s stayed in touch with Jack’s members through phone calls, Zoom and e-mails. He wants to remain a part of Jack’s because he can offer other men the perspective of someone who has lost their loved one. “I know there’s going to be another me that comes in — someone who feels guilty for smiling, who feels like they’ve let down their child,” he said. “Cancer is something you actually have to have gone through ... to offer real help to someone in the same space.”

—Excerpted from Minneapolis Star Tribune article “Twin Cities Nonprofit Helps Men Be Better Caregivers” which ran on September 11th, 2020—
PROGRAMMING

Participants Who Return
- Participate Once: 8%
- 92%

Participants Who Reported Jack’s Was Helpful
- 97%

Jack’s Was Not Helpful
- 3%

HOURS OF PROGRAMMING DELIVERED 2018-2020

Total Hours: 1,399

2018 2019 2020

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Aaron Hill’s wife, Kathryn, was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer in June 2016. She was 37 at the time and pregnant with the couple’s fifth child. The baby died a few weeks later and Kathryn’s cancer moved into her spine and she became a paraplegic. With help from his in-laws and some in-home nursing assistance, Hill cared for Kathryn’s wound from surgery, managed her medications, helped her dress, transferred her into and out of bed and repositioned her throughout the night. He often turned to Jack’s for support. Kathryn died in August of 2020 after battling cancer for four years.

“It’s been helpful to know guys who have gone through the whole spectrum of this and can give the encouragement and advice at the right times,” Hill said. He’s only been able to get away for one social activity through Jack’s. He joined others at an indoor golfing range and said it was a good time to recharge and be social. “There really wasn’t a whole lot of cancer conversation,” he said. “It was so nice to just do something fun. You have so many responsibilities as a caregiver and you can sometimes feel guilty to step away from them. But it was really important to do so and connect with the other guys.”

—Excerpted from Minneapolis Star Tribune article “Twin Cities Nonprofit Helps Men Be Better Caregivers” which ran on September 11th, 2020—
2020 Volunteer of the Year
Mike McGarry

A caregiver himself, Mike took the lead on Jack’s blog in March of 2019. Since then he’s published over 40 blog posts. As a testament to the power of his stories they have raised over $20,000! If you have an idea for a story please email him at: mike@jacks caregiverco.org

Past Winners:
2019 - Dan Cramer
2018 - Heather Erickson
2017 - Rachael Oelke
2016 - Bre Ostrom

2020 Caregiver Cup Winner
Doug Dallmann

“Doug supported our beloved daughter-in-law Sarah through both treatment for stage 4 colon cancer and her ultimate demise. Sarah reached a point that she no longer felt that she could care for her beloved sons and was planning to ask their dad to have the boys full time. Doug stepped in and said “No way!” He moved into Sarah’s apartment and quickly learned to be a caregiver for them also. He learned to feed an exceptionally picky eater. He introduced them to new comedy. He did all of the things that Sarah could no longer do. He was new to children but stepped up and learned. Most importantly he nursed Sarah until the very end. I was not there but I know it was not always pretty. And then there was Covid-19! Doug is a cancer survivor himself and he blessed so many of us with his caregiving. I know there are many more things he did that I’m not aware of! I cannot imagine anyone more deserving of this award.” - Nomination from Diane

Past Winners:
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2018 - Travis Robertson
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2016 - Dan Guider
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"Jack's gave me a new peace of mind: that I shouldn’t doubt myself. It helped me a lot in the balancing act I was in the middle of – with work, caregiving, parenting, being a husband, and everything else. I can’t worry about what I’m not doing. I need to focus on what I am doing."

- Nick
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