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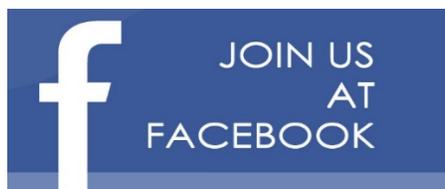
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David's Touch Foundation

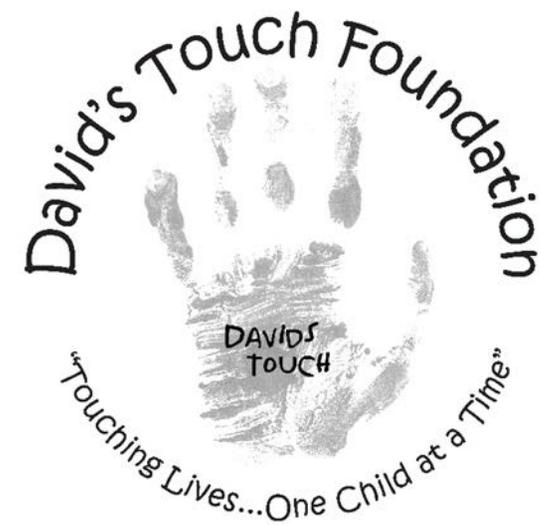
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The mission at David's Touch is to spread David's contagious smile by delivering hope and joy to children at their greatest time of need.

In Memory of Our Beloved David
Forever In Our Hearts

Description

The foundation began in 2009 in memory of the Presidents' son David.

David was diagnosed with a congenital heart disease named hypo-plastic left heart syndrome 8 hours after his birth; giving him a 16% chance of survival. At 3 days old, David underwent open heart surgery and was hospitalized for 3 months at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. 5 months later, he returned for a second surgery. At 2 years old, on a visit to the cardiologist for a "regular" checkup, David's family was informed that his heart was extremely weak and could not go on. His heart was literally deteriorating inside of him and there were no surgeries to repair it other than to put him on the organ transplant list. David was hospitalized again while friends and family anticipated the arrival of a new heart. Within 14 weeks' time, he was the recipient of a new heart.

"David was doing extremely well with his new heart. He participated in all activities and was full of life," said his mother Jenny.

In November 2004, at 8 years old, he was diagnosed with lymphoma. He was then hospitalized again. He continued to receive different treatments for his illness. Through it all he maintained a positive attitude and a courageous spirit. In February of 2005, David went into a coma. He was lifeless for one week and passed away on February 8, 2005.

His love for life has inspired his mother, Jenny, to help children enduring what he has. She realizes that although many ill children come from different circumstances, they all have one thing in common; they face incredible challenges for such a young age. The foundation and its logo would simply be impossible without him – well, that's because it's his hand print.



David's Touch Belief

David's Touch believes that the gift of a toy is more than just a present around the holidays. It lifts the spirit of children and encourages smiles on their faces when they need it the most. Toys allow doctors and nurses to create unbreakable bonds with their patients. You see, toys are more than just characters or cartoons filled with batteries and movement – they are small priceless lifelines that each recipient is eternally grateful for.

David is credited as being the Founder of this non-profit organization. It is his life that has inspired everyone to join in a collective effort to help children and families in need. Without his spirit there would be no David's Touch. David touched so many lives in such a short time and that touch will last forever.

Foundation Overview

Jenny

Jenny is the President & Co-Founder of David's Touch, is the proud mother of two boys, David (8.22.95 – 2.8.05) and Noah, who is 14 years old. Throughout her childhood she has been involved in numerous activities, not limited to ballet, jazz and gymnastics. In her adulthood she has never lost her inner child and remains active in all aspects of her life. Besides being a full-time Mom, she is a full-time employee at the Rutgers School of Social Work, a dedicated, caring wife and a fully-devoted volunteer as a Heart-to-Heart mentor with the Pediatric Cardiology Unit at Mount Sinai Children's Kravis Hospital. Jenny's energy and desire to help those around who need it the most come from David's inspiration. And it's her mission to perpetuate his light as far as it will go.

Rick

Rick is the Vice President of the foundation. Being the youngest of 3 boys, he has always had a passion for sports. He volunteers his time as a youth football coach and is dedicated to helping children. Rick is a Law Enforcement Officer where he continues to be a mentor and role model for all ages. When he's not working he truly enjoys the valuable time he can spend with his family – Jenny and Noah mean the world to him. Rick's smile, laugh and positive attitude are contagious. And he feels that nothing is more important in this world than sharing that joy with others. To him, true happiness is measured by what we can do for people and at the end of the day, that's where he rests his laurels.

Noah

Noah, at 14 years old, is an experienced and dedicated giver. At such a young age, he's taken hold of the true meaning of helping other people – young and old. From the time he was 8, Noah has worked diligently to serve Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving morning to the homeless. When some of those people couldn't read or write, it was Noah who would take down their prayer requests. Noah is so happy that the foundation can bring Christmas to kids who can't have it at home. He feels that these acts of kindness keep David's memory alive. And it's Noah's enthusiasm that makes him one of the most important people involved with David's Touch. He personally presents the foundation's message to every classroom at his school in an effort to raise awareness and collect toys. Noah's energy is unmatched, but who's surprised? He's David's brother.