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The Jake Owen Raborn Foundation Receives \$125,000 Grant From Genentech Foundation's Everyday Needs Assistance Program

Families battling pediatric cancer to receive financial aid

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For the second consecutive year, the Jake Owen Raborn Foundation has received a grant from the Genentech Foundation. This year the grant was increased to \$125,000 and will go to families of children with cancer.

“This is a truly generous award, and we’re very grateful to the Genentech Foundation for honoring us with a grant over two consecutive years,” Don Raborn, chairman of the board and founder of the Jake Owen Raborn Foundation, said. “This grant will allow us, especially in these difficult economic times, to further enhance our program of aiding families of children with cancer.”

Founded in 2006, the Jake Owen Raborn Foundation (www.jakesfoundation.org) is a non-profit foundation dedicated to financially supporting families enduring pediatric cancer, as well as providing financial support to organizations and facilities that care for families enduring pediatric cancer.

In the last three years, the Jake Owen Raborn Foundation has given more than \$330,000 in assistance to over 350 families, according to Raborn. It has also given over \$105,000 to a variety of organizations, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Lifeshare Blood Centers, American Cancer Society, Camp Quality and Pilots for Patients.

In addition, the foundation has worked continuously to raise awareness of pediatric cancer. It is the primary sponsor of Team Jake, organized in 2005 to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by participating in the St. Jude Memphis Marathon in December of each year. Since 2006, Team Jake has always been among the top fundraising teams in the country with over \$197,000 raised.

As a primary sponsor or supporting sponsor, the foundation also conducts an active blood donation program, accounting for a total of 655 units of blood in the last two years from a number of events: ANGUS Chemical Company's most recent blood drive, the Shake 4 Jake event the last two years and last year's LifeShare Blood Centers' Mash Bash. ANGUS Chemical's annual drive alone increased in the last three years from 180 donors to 292 donors.

The Genentech Foundation's grant was made through Genentech's Everyday Needs Assistance Program, which works to ease the financial burden of families while they seek care for their child. The Genentech Foundation (www.genentechfoundation.com) is a U.S.-based, private charitable foundation. It was established in 2002 by Genentech, a leading biotechnology company that discovers, develops, manufactures and commercializes biotherapeutics for significant unmet medical needs. The Foundation provides financial support to qualified nonprofit U.S.- based charitable organizations.

The Jake Own Raborn Foundation is named in memory of Jake Owen Raborn who died of a rare liver cancer at age four in October 2006. “We are guided by the principle of ‘paying it forward,’” Raborn said, “helping others and encouraging them in turn to do the same in a caring, ever-widening undertaking. That philosophy keeps us going strong every day. And knowing that’s what Jake wants makes it all the more meaningful.”

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