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Jill's House: Art Supplies Providing Smiles

by Editorial Team

They say art is the expression of human creativity and imagination, but did you know that art can also be a form of therapy? The folks at Jill's House know, which is why they have created their arts and crafts program, designed to inspire the minds of children with intellectual disabilities.

Jill's House, a local nonprofit, provides short term respite care to families raising children with intellectual disabilities. Kids participate in activities tailored to their interests and abilities such as the popular arts and crafts program, music

and pet therapy, while families get a chance to rest and recharge.

It was through a Hearts of Empowerment team member that we learned of Jill's House and of their shortage of much needed supplies. Recognizing the need, we maximized our efforts by partnering with a local church looking to collect art supplies in need of a home. We presented them with the idea of helping Jill's House and they were immediately on board.

That is what we at Hearts of

Empowerment do best - bring a need and a solution together for the communal good.

Through combined efforts we were able to deliver four boxes of supplies to the team at Jill's House. The rest of our Sunday morning was spent helping and learning about this great organization and the families who benefit from their services.

Thank you, Jill's House, for the honor of allowing us to be part of your mission!

1 Hearts of Empowerment partners with nonprofits who are in need of assistance in order to carry out their mission

2 We plan strategic fundraising events that promote funding and awareness; giving charities the power to fight on



3 After the event we make a contribution to our partnering organization in order to keep their doors open; we ultimately are able to help many causes and lives with our model



Forbes 30 Under 30 Summit

"Opportunity knocks only once. You never know if you'll get another opportunity." – Leon Spinks

When Forbes came knocking, Hearts of Empowerment answered. The Forbes 30 Under 30 summit, a globally recognized event created to provide opportunities for startups, extended an invitation to CEO Correy Faciane and CFO Jordon Durst to attend this year's event in Detroit, Michigan. It is an honor bestowed upon thirty of the brightest and most promising entrepreneurs under the age of thirty in twenty different industries. The summit is a meeting of fresh, young minds sharing innovative ideas that lead to countless networking opportunities and at times, lucrative business deals.

Faciane and Durst made the most of the four day conference by sharing the Hearts of Empowerment vision, as well as showcasing the work our organization has done helping hundreds of individuals and

Additional opportunities came in the form of seminars hosted by esteemed speakers such as Serena Williams, Olivia Munn, Blake Griffin, Kevin Durant and many more. The highlight of the summit came when our organization met with three individual venture capitalists one-on-one.

Forbes 30 Under 30 proved to be an opportunity of a lifetime, and one that allowed Hearts of Empowerment to showcase our one of a kind mission on a global stage.



Fall Festival 2019



by Editorial Team

Marymount University, an educational institution recognized for its service to others and commitment to student success, was the perfect place to host our first annual Fall Festival this past November featuring local nonprofit For the Love of Others.

It is the mission of For the Love of Others to empower, enrich, and enhance the lives of people from all backgrounds. Hearts of Empowerment was honored to partner with their cause and support their No Empty Belly program, a passion project of founder Lauren Puryear (pictured

above) that provides meal bags to children living in underprivileged households.

The Fall Festival provided entertainment for adults and children alike. Guests were treated to activities such as a dunk tank, moon bounce and football toss. A variety of food trucks and vendors provided tasty treats while an onsite bar served libations for our adult guests. A raffle distributed prizes and smiles all around.

The generous support of our guests made a monetary contribution to the

program possible. A heartfelt thanks to the staff at Marymount University, Lauren Puryear and the crew at For the Love of Others and to all who helped make the first annual Fall Festival a roaring success!

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The Man Behind the Camera

by Editorial Team

Capturing the perfect moment can be so captivating and inspirational. Every picture taken shares a story and if done right, takes your emotions and feelings back to that occasion in time. For Corey Gray, his talent and eye for capturing those special moment comes naturally.

Corey Gray has been the Hearts of Empowerment photographer and videographer since the very beginning. His talent and work ethic is like no other. His eye for staying in the moment and translating it to an image is phenomenal; his work speaks for itself.

Corey Gray first started with videography in 2012. He eventually caught interest in

photography and taught himself. His inspiration comes from his grandparents, who always kept a camera in his hands at a young age. As he got older he found himself fascinated with the art of storytelling; realizing that photography and videography was the perfect way to do this.

Nowadays a majority of his work tends to be in fitness, wedding, work events, medical, food and nonprofit work.

"I hope that everyone in this life not only finds their passion, but pursues it. It's been a journey to get where I am, but I have had supportive friends and family along the way that believed in me when I didn't

believe in myself. So find your passion, pursue it wholeheartedly, and find those people that support what you love to keep close," shares Corey.

Corey Gray can be reached at coreyagray@outlook.com; via Instagram @coreyagray or through his website at www.coreyagray.com.

On behalf of the Hearts of empowerment team, we thank you for all your work!

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