

JACK GARDNER

SOFTBALL






31 YEARS OF
ASSISTING
JACK'S KIDS

JULY 8, 2023
It's All About The Kids!



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AGENDA

GAMES: 8AM-1PM

LODGE OPENS: 12PM

EVENT ENDS: 6PM



Hank presenting the new Tyler Cup to the family

Photo by April Ludwig, April Ludwig Photography

Opening Ceremonies at the Lodge

1:30 PM

- Procession by the The Somerset County Police Pipes & Drums
- Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, Moment of Silence
- Opening Remarks
- Song by Jake Whitenight (TBD)

Introduction of Jack's Kids Families/Families Speak

Jack's Kids & Family Group Photo

Awards and Accommodations

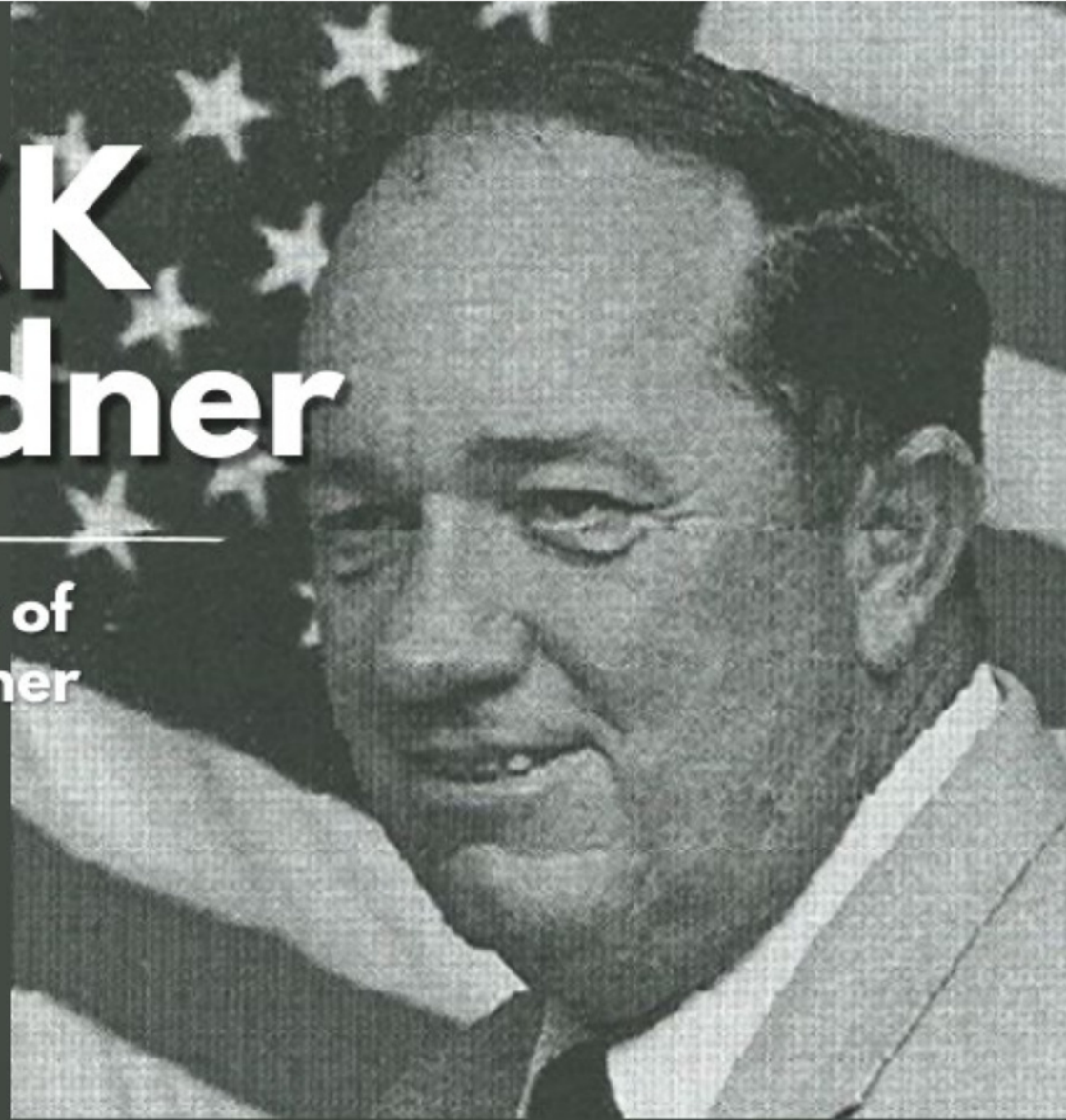
Tricky Tray Claim Prize by 5PM

50/50 Drawing 5:30PM

- Kid's activities are located outside.
- Beer tickets and truck are on the patio. Other alcohol can be purchased at the bar.
- Complimentary non-alcoholic drinks and food is served throughout the day. All food is donated from local restaurants. Please be courteous by taking only what you will eat.
- Different foods will continue to come out as it is prepared.
- SCREAM truck will be out front for ice cream purchase.

JACK Gardner

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**In Memory of
Jack Gardner**



Jack Gardner died in November 1992. He had a prolific life throughout Somerset County. He grew up in North Plainfield, where he was an outstanding athlete in Football, Basketball and Baseball. Jack was a detective in the Somerset County Prosecutors Office for many years. Later he became Warden of the Somerset County Jail. He was a member of the Somerville Elks Lodge #1068. He became an assistant football coach at Immaculata High School where he coached for twelve years until his passing.

Jack was a treasure. His main virtue was his willingness to help people. Anyone who came to Jack for help was assured that he would come through. Throughout Somerset County he is noted for helping many people, especially the younger generation. He was kind, thoughtful and always gave of himself.

That is why the "Jack Gardner Memorial Softball Tournament" is rightfully named. All of the tournament proceeds help those kids in need.

These are "Jack's Kids!"

Hank Werner - Jack's Kids Chairman



WELCOME TO THE JACKS KIDS 31ST ANNUAL JACK GARDNER SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

It is my honor and privilege to chair the Jack's Kids committee that runs out of this lodge, Somerville Elks Lodge 1068. For the first 20 years that this committee was in existence, Pierce Frauenheim was the chairperson. I mention Pierce because he started Jack's Kids with Jack Gardner and we should always remember them. I have been involved with Jack's Kids for over 29 of the 31 years. The people that come out and support the kids are just amazing. The committee that I work with is so huge I could never mention everyone. It truly takes a village to run Jack's Kids. Thank you to all of the volunteers, players, supporters, and most of all the Jack's Kids and their families. If you see one of our umpires please thank them for volunteering today. We are successful because they come out every year and donated their time and skills. The Jack's Kids are the real heroes here. They inspire all of us on a regular basis. If you see a Jack's Kid and their family please say hello and let them know you are here for them. We always say, "It's all about the kids".

I wanted to share a few facts about last year's tournament, year 30...

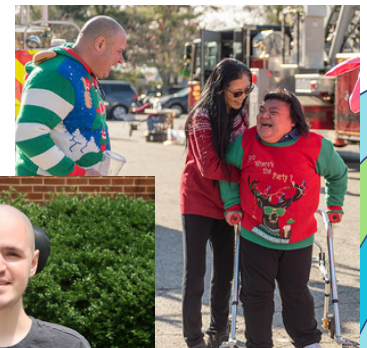
We had 45 softball teams compete. Men's, Women's, and Co-Ed teams. We played in 6 different towns, used 9 different locations, and 19 fields all in Somerset County. Bedminster Township, Bernards Township, Bridgewater Township, Hillsborough Township, Manville Borough, and Somerville Borough. 86 Softball games were played, 186 softballs were used, food was donated from over 40 different locations, 99 tricky tray baskets won, over 50 volunteers the day of, one winner of \$10,000, over 1,000 photos taken, countless hours over the last 12 months planning and we all do this for the 52 families and kids we commonly call Jack's Kids!

Thank you all for coming out and supporting Jack's Kids.
Please stay safe.

God bless all of you, our veterans, first responders and our wonderful country the USA.

Hank Werner
Jacks Kids Chair Person

Photos top down
2021 Jack Gardner Memorial Softball Tournament - Volunteers
2022 Jingle & Mingle, Jessica Yang showing Hank how she can walk!
2021 Jack Gardner Memorial Softball Tournament - Aaron Maisto
Photos by Jack's Kid Committee & April Ludwig, April Ludwig Photography



Jack's Kids

We are a 501C3 organization made up of volunteers assisting over 40 local families in Central NJ. Our families only want to comfort their children and help bring back a normal everyday life for them. Your tax deductible donation will help provide comfort and relief in an uncertain time in their lives. In addition, your support gives each family the inspiration to keep fighting. We understand there are many charities to choose from when donating, so on behalf of our Jack's Kids family we thank you for choosing us. It Truly Is...
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Our Mission

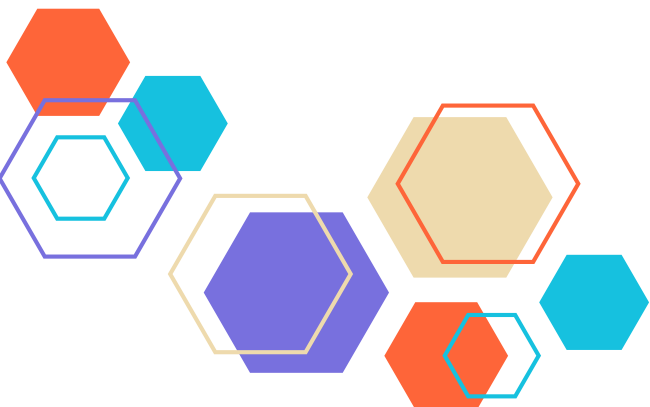
The heart of Jack's Kids is to ease the financial burden to families dealing with a serious childhood illness and/or serious disabilities so they can focus on wrapping their family in love and the attention they need.



Our annual goal is to raise over \$50K to allow us to assist the Jack's Kids families.

Donations are always welcome throughout the year

Venmo to Jacks-Kids, or mail check written to Somerville Elks-Jacks Kids to Somerville Elks Lodge 1068 375 Union Ave, Bridgewater, NJ 08807





FOR SALE

Jessica Yang receiving her welcome gift, 2022



2023

PHOTO CREDIT BY KARMA STRYDESKY

JACK'S KIDS MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

\$10.00 T-SHIRTS

31st Annual Jack's Kids Sponsorship T-shirt and Jack's Kids-Patriots T-shirts

\$5.00 CAR MAGNETS

Jack's Kids Logo Car Magnets

\$10.00 CHALLENGE COINS

Various Jack's Kids angels and specialty Challenge Coins

JACK'S KIDS REUSABLE BAGS

Jack's Kids Reusable Shopping Bags with Jack's Kids Names Printed on front

1 FOR \$5
3 FOR \$10

MERCHANDISE NOT LISTED, PLEASE ASK A VOLUNTEER



Mrs. Butler selling merchandise, 2019

JACK'S KIDS

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CJ's Party Rentals, LLC

in memory of Craig R. Ferrante

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~JIM ROHN



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2023

WOMEN'S TEAMS

BRIDGEWATER EAGLES
TYLER'S ANGELS

SWING AND PRAY
TEAM BODYN

JANNONE PLUMBING
ROUND VALLEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL
SOMERVILLE ELKS LADIES SOFTBALL TEAM

Ramirez Bracket

Mighty Mo Bracket

CO-ED TEAMS

2023

Garofalo/Downey Bracket

Hope Anonymous
Kelsey Charity Run
Cusick Crushers

Saller/Pongratz Bracket

Juno Genetics
Team Domination
Jimmy's Guys
Leslie's Warriors



John Collins Firemen's Bracket

SOMERVILLE ENGINE CO #1

MILLSTONE VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

BLOOMFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL HOOK AND LADDER

NORTH BRANCH VOLUNTEER FIRE

STATION 77

MONTGOMERY FIRE

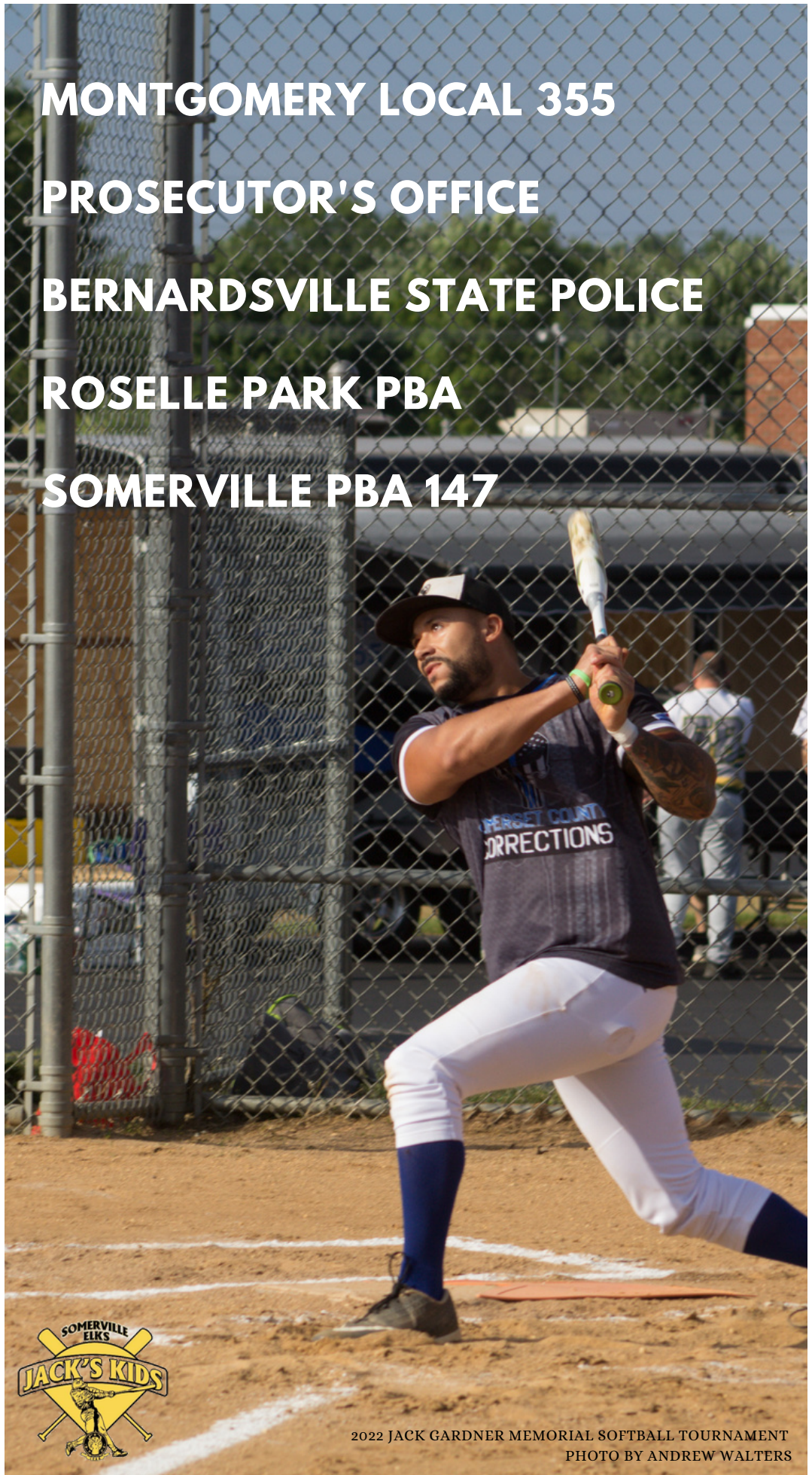
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**MONTGOMERY LOCAL 355
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SOMERVILLE PBA 147**



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2023 MEN'S TEAMS



Men's Recreational

Greig Bracket

Spangler Bracket

Ferrante Bracket

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BOUND BROOK ELKS

CAPTAINS CREW/H&K SLOAN

MANVILLE-HILLSBOROUGH ELKS

SCOTT BECKER PLUMBING AND HEATING

Tyler Cup Competitive Bracket

THE DREWS | PARKS BOYS | PHOENIX TUBE

GA'S

HELLCATS

TY'S GUYS

MELONHEADS

SILVER HAWKS

MIGHTY MO'S

MIGHTY DRUNKS

VEALTOWN DODGERS



JACK'S KIDS ANGELS



Lucie Bennett

Maureen Brigid Dwyer

Tyler Melville

Brooke Healey

Michael Wielgus 11

Daniel Nols

Landon Doychak

Leslie Ramirez

Matt Hollan

Hayley Filippini

Mackenzie Plick

Daniel Garofalo Jr.

Charlotte Downey

*In loving memory of those who are
forever present in our hearts*



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 Yestercades

FOOD DONATIONS

57 Fire Chef - Dave Matthews

Alfonso's Bakery -Staten Island

Angelo's Pizza - Hillsborough

Anne Oller

Bella Pizza Hillsborough

Bimbo Bakeries

Boars Head

Brancburg Rotary

Carlo's Pizza - Bridgewater

Dunellen Hotel

Ellery's - Middlesex

Espo's

Franks Pizza - Manville

Grain House

Hoagie Hut - Bridgewater

Jersey Joe

Joe's Meat Market - SBB

Just Subs Hillsborough

Lenny's Pizza - Bernardsville

Mannions

Manville Pastry Shop

Martin's Potato Bread - Chammbersburg PA

Papa Jim's Kitchen

Prima Pizza Somerville

Regina (Elks Member)

Royal Farms - Manville

Sapore Ravioli

Sarah Janes

Shoprite - Hillsborough

Slingin Dogs

Somerville Elks (Chef Efron & Culinary Staff)

Soprano's Pizza - Bridgewater

Stagehouse Somerset

Stop & Shop (Ahold E Commerce)

Sunrise Creek Deli

Uncle Vinny's Clam Bar

Verve - Somerville

WaWa- Hillsborough

Wegmans

Weis Supermarket - Hillsborough



Jack's Kids Rockstar

Rockstar - there are a few definitions but the one which applies here is:

"A person treated as a celebrity, especially when that person inspires FANATICAL ADMIRATION"

Aaron Maisto



Aaron Maisto is currently 29 years old. He is a crazy, loyal Yankees fan. Aaron loves Elton John and learned to play the piano by ear. He has written two original songs! Aaron has been part of Jack's Kids entertainment for years, playing for us each year with the opening ceremonies. He IS a celebrity among us, Never allowing anything to stop him from his accomplishments!

Aaron has had Beckers Muscular Dystrophy since he was about 5 years old. About a year ago, Aaron began with a feeding tube and has been bedridden. Aaron has an incredibly positive attitude and is always up for conversations about the Yankees! He welcomes visits, phone calls, and all online interaction (hint hint).

Over the years, Aaron has become a Jack's Kid's favorite due to his interest in staying involved and giving back. He is fun to speak with and will tell you like it is. He is one of the most inspiring people we know.

We recognize Aaron July 8, 2023, as a Jack's Kid Rockstar as he has always inspired us and has been a positive influence. With this recognition, we mention his mother Bonnie, who has dedication and devotion to her son that is filled with sacrifice and love.

Please come by to say hello to Aaron and ask about how to reach him online!

Somerville Elks Lodge #1068 Exalted Ruler

Kevin J. Storms

July 8, 2023



Welcome all members and guests to the Somerville Elks Lodge No. 1068's 31st Annual Jack's Kids Softball tournament! The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks have a long history of supporting families with special needs children for well over 100 years and Somerville Elks Lodge No. 1068 in its 115th year is no exception. Many years ago, when the Jacks Kids Annual Softball Tournament was first coming together, few would have thought just how far it would come. Today our members continue to selflessly volunteer countless hours of their time to make sure the families and kids we support have what they need! It's also thanks to all of you, for making the Softball Tournament such a success year over year! It could not happen without all of you so I would like to give a BIG THANKS for coming out and participating and helping with keeping such a fabulous tradition alive. I hope you all plan on coming back again as we look to carry on this great tradition for many years to come! After all.... It's all About the Kids!

Fraternally,
Kevin J. Storms
Exalted Ruler 2023-2024
Somerville Lodge No. 1068
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks



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