

# JACK GARDNER MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

# JACK'S KIDS



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**32 YEARS OF ASSISTING  
JACK'S KIDS  
IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!**

**JULY 13, 2024**



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2024

# AGENDA



GAMES: 8AM-1PM

LODGE OPENS: 12PM

EVENT ENDS: 6PM

## **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**

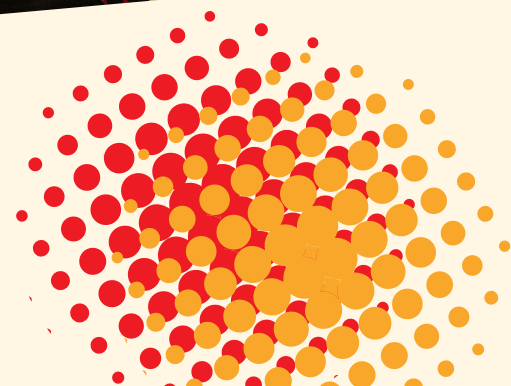
**TRICKY TRAY LAST CALL 3:30PM**

**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 3p-5p for ice cream purchase.
- Batmobile will be here this year between 3p-5p!







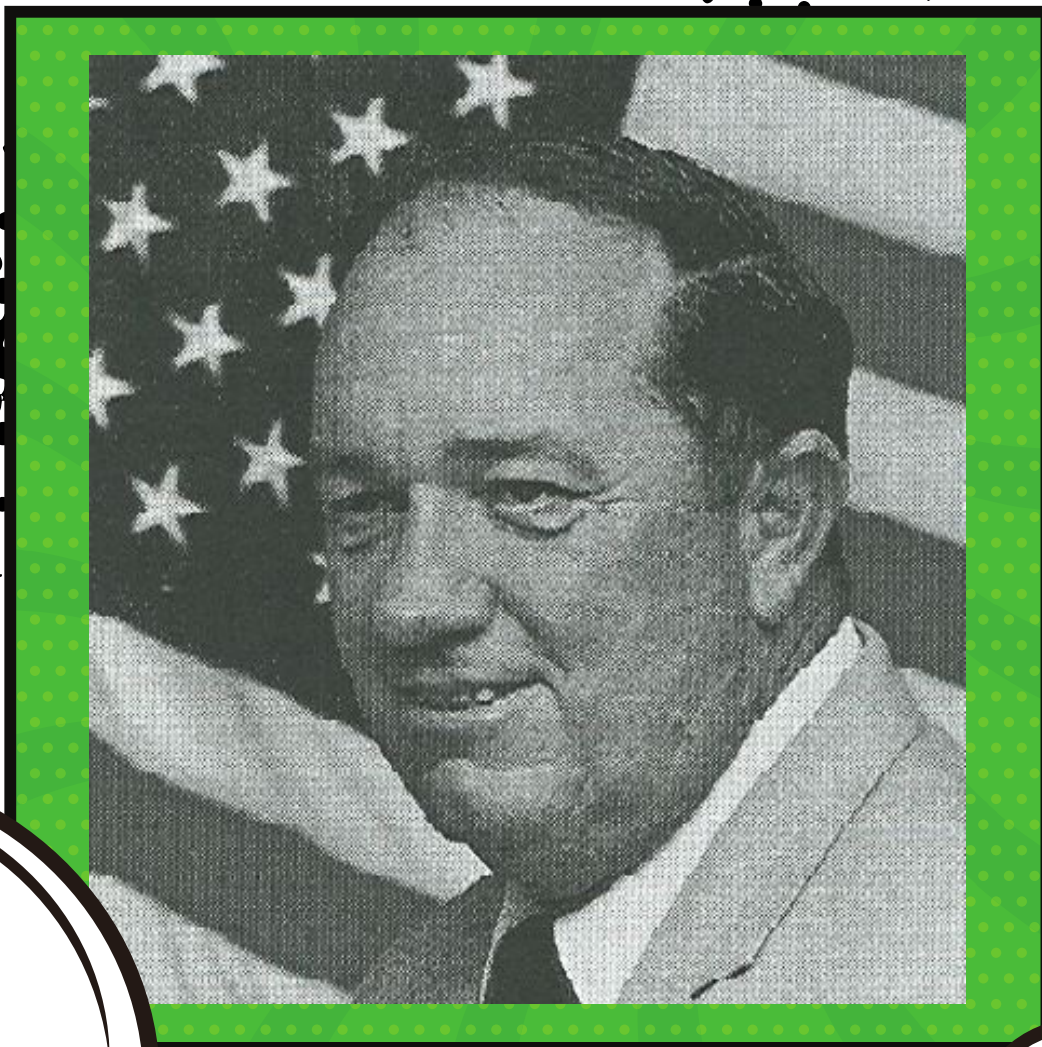
# History of Jack's Kids!



Honoring the Legacy of Jack Gardner

Jack Gardner, a cherished figure in Somerset County, left an indelible mark on our community before his passing in 1992. Jack's boundless generosity and willingness to assist others garnered widespread admiration and gratitude throughout the community.

Although Jack Gardner may no longer be with us in person, his legacy continues to inspire those who knew him and those who benefit from the charitable efforts established in his memory, such as the Jack Gardner Memorial Softball Tournament and the Jack's Kids Committee.



## MESSAGE FROM THE JACK'S KIDS CHAIRMAN

Hank Werner

Welcome to the 32nd Annual Jack Gardner Softball Tournament benefiting our Jack's Kids community. Your presence and support today mean the world to us and, more importantly, to the brave young Jack's Kids warriors we aim to help.

For over three decades, our community has come together through this tournament to make a tangible difference in the lives of children battling serious health challenges. Each year, your generosity and enthusiasm fuel our mission, and we are deeply grateful for your continued commitment.

This event is more than just a game; it's a testament to the power of compassion, community, and hope. Thanks to supporters like you, we have been able to provide critical support, from medical treatments and family assistance to creating joyful experiences for these children and their families.

As you enjoyed the games, the camaraderie, and the shared purpose, remember that your contribution goes beyond the field. You are providing strength and hope to children and families facing unimaginable hardships.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible committee we call Jack's Kids. Together, we are making a difference—one game, one child, one smile at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Hank Werner  
Jack's Kids Chair



<https://jackskids.org/contact>  
Jack's Kids Committee Trustees





# Jack's Kids

We are a 501C3 organization made up of volunteers assisting over 50 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. .

## 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.

**It truly is... ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!**

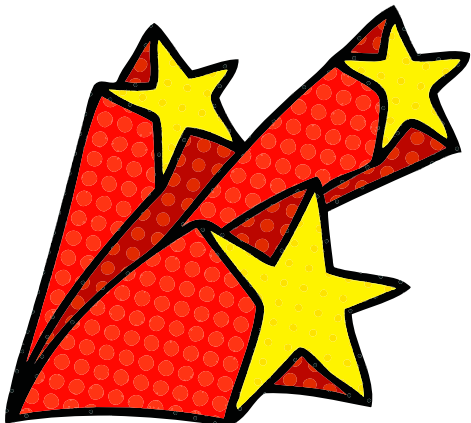


## HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

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

JACK'S KIDS MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

## 2024

### **\$5.00** CAR MAGNETS

Jack's Kids Logo Car Magnet

### **\$10.00** T-SHIRTS

32nd Annual Jack's Kids Sponsorship Tournament  
T-shirt & Patriots T-shirt w/ JK logo

### **\$20.00** LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS

Grey long sleeve Jack's Kids shirt

### **\$10.00** CHALLENGE COINS

Various Jack's Kids angels and specialty  
Challenge Coins

MERCHANDISE NOT LISTED, PLEASE ASK A VOLUNTEER

### **JACK'S KIDS REUSABLE BAGS**

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

**1 FOR \$5**  
**3 FOR \$10**



### **SOMERSET PATRIOTS JACK'S KIDS DAY**

September 15, 2024 - 1:05 pm game  
National Anthem by Jake Whitenight.

**\$15.00 EACH TICKET**



# JACK'S KIDS IN-KIND



## SUPERHEROES

## NORS



Angel GARDEN

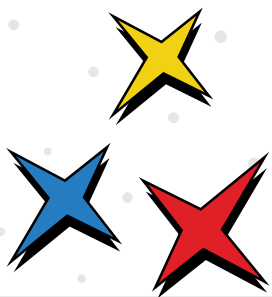


Hionis Greenhouses



Anne Oller

DJ Trini



# HOME RUN SPONSORS



*Drew McLachlan Memorial Fund*  
**In Loving Memory of  
John McLachlan III**



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**SUPER  
HEROES**





# BECOME A SUPERHERO VOLUNTEER!



AMAZING!



SUPER!



[HTTPS://JACKSKIDS.ORG/HELP](https://jackskids.org/help)



# TRIPLE HIT

# SPONSORS

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NOT ALL  
Heroes  
WEAR  
CAPES

\$1,000 - \$2,499



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Middlesex High School



# DOUBLE HIT

## SPONSORS

Bridgewater PBA  
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 Bedminster PBA  
 Bernardsville PBA  
 Somerville PBA  
 Piscataway PBA  
 Middlesex/Somerset PBA



\$500-\$999





AWESOME!

# UMPIRES

!!!  
**SUPER**





# WOMEN'S TEAMS

Ramirez Bracket

Mighty Mo Bracket



EAGLES  
ELKS LADIES'  
JANNONE PLUMBING



RECREATION  
COMPETITIVE

ROUND VALLEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
SWING & PRAY  
TEAM BODYN  
TYLER'S ANGELS

2024



# John Collins Firemen's Bracket



**BOUND BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**CENTRAL HOOK AND LADDER**

**COMMUNITY FIRE**

**MILLSTONE VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**NORTH BRANCH VOLUNTEER FIRE**

**SOMERVILLE ENGINE CO #1**



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## LAW ENFORCEMENT

WIELGUS/NOLS BRACKET

**BERNARDSVILLE PBA**

**MONTGOMERY LOCAL 355**

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY DPS**

**SOMERSET COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**





# MEN'S TEAMS



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## RECREATION BRACKETS: GREIG | SPANGLER | FERRANTE

Bound Brook Elks 1388  
Brew Krew  
Captains Crew  
Hellcats  
High Caliber Ordnance  
Hoboken No Jokin  
Hope Anonymous  
Lebron Auto Repair/Ark Wealth Advisors  
Manville-Hillsborough Elks 2119  
Melonheads  
Middlesex Elks  
Mighty Mo's  
Parks Boys  
Phoenix Tube  
Rookie Season  
Silver Hawks  
Ty's Guys



## COMPETITIVE BRACKET: TYLER CUP



# CO-ED TEAMS



2D2BG

DUTCH OVEN

JIMMY H / MARY ROSE'S GUYS

LESLIE'S WARRIORS

SUPREME PRODUCTIONZ

TEAM DOMI NATION



**RECREATION BRACKET**

**GAROFALO/DOWNEY**



**COMPETITIVE BRACKET**

**SALLER/PONGRATZ**

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# Jack's Kids Angels



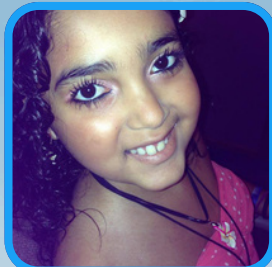
1992 - 1999

Tyler Melville



1996 - 2013

Michael Wielgus II



2001 - 2014

Leslie Ramirez



2012 - 2017

Mackenzie Plick



2006 - 2021

Landon Doychak



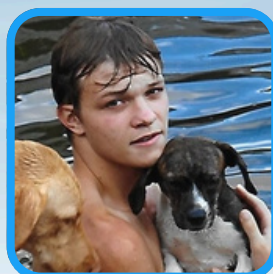
2004 - 2005

Maureen Brigid Dwyer



2008 - 2013

Brooke Healey



1996 - 2016

Matthew Hollan



2002 - 2018

Daniel Garofalo Jr.



1994 - 2008

Lucie Bennett



1999 - 2014

Daniel Nols



1998 - 2016

Hayley Filippini



2004 - 2019

Charlotte Downey

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

# FOOD DONATIONS

Alfonso's Pastry Shoppe  
 Angelo's Pizza  
 Anne Oller  
 Applebees - Bridgewater  
 Bella Pizza - Hillsborough  
 Bridgewater Manor

Knights of Columbus  
 Mannions Pub and Restaurant  
 Manville Pastry Shop  
 Old Man Rafferty's - Hillsborough  
 Old Mill Inn  
 Pepsi

Bridgewater Marriott  
 Cafe Basillico  
 Carlo's Pizza  
 Case's Pork Roll & Co.  
 Da Fillippo's  
 Dunellen Hotel Restaurant &  
 Rathskeller

Roman Gourmet  
 Sapore Ravioli & Cheese  
 Shoprite - Hillsborough  
 Soprano's Pizza  
 Stage House Tavern Somerset  
 Sunrise Creek Deli

Ellery's Bar & Grill  
 Elmer's Catering Service  
 Espo's Restaurant & Bar  
 Hoagie Hut  
 Joe's Meat Market  
 Jozzana's  
 Just Subs-Hillsborough

The Grub Hut  
 The Landing  
 Twenty 20 Taphouse  
 Verve  
 Wawa-Bridgewater  
 Wegmans-Bridgewater  
 Weis Market-Hillsborough



Somerville Elks (Chef Efron & Culinary Staff)  
 Branchburg Rotary- In Memory of  
 Papa Jim's Kitchen



# Raffle Donations

Advance Auto Parts

April Ludwig Photography

Artisanal Tattoo

Artisanal Tattoo -Piercer Tiffany

Bert DiAngelo

Bochinski Family

Bruno Family

Carrie Pietrocola

Dwyer Family

Flounders Brewing

Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse

Frieda Chan

Hard Rock/Yankees

James McHale

Jennifer Krempasky

K&S Italian Specialities

Kelly Family

Lenna Pearlman

Luann Herrod

Maggie Hetman

Matthew & Fran Ludwig

Maureen Cote

Metropolitan Seafood

Nancy Stober McCarthy

Red Stone Grill

Rice Family

Seasons 52

Shara Moskowitz

Sunken Silo

Susan Shea

Susan Blanken Palumbo

The Hairhouse International

Tony Schinella

Uncle Vinnie's Clam Bar

YESTERcades



# JACK'S KIDS ROCKSTAR

## BEN FALCONE

**A "ROCKSTAR" IS SOMEONE WHO ROCKS LIFE'S STAGE, TURNING TRIALS INTO ENCORES AND INSPIRING FANATICAL ADMIRATION WITH EVERY COURAGEOUS STEP FORWARD.**

**WITH HIS CAPE, BEN FALCONE TRULY EMBODIES THIS, PROVING THAT REAL SUPERSTARS WEAR RESILIENCE LIKE A HERO'S EMBLEM!**



We recognize Ben Falcone as the July 13, 2024, Jack's Kid Rockstar for his inspiring fight and resilience. Ben's journey is one of tremendous courage and determination, marked by his battle against multiple severe health challenges. Alongside this recognition, we honor his Mom- Carrie, Dad- John, and older brother- Jack, whose dedication and love have been vital in supporting Ben through his trials.

Ben was born on May 13, 2012, and began experiencing significant health issues just three months later, including frequent hospitalizations due to monthly fevers. At 11 months old, he was diagnosed with Failure to Thrive due to an airway defect. By 22 months, Ben was diagnosed with Periodic Fever Syndrome, which brought immense physical and emotional strain to him and his family. The family faced financial difficulties and job changes while caring for Ben.

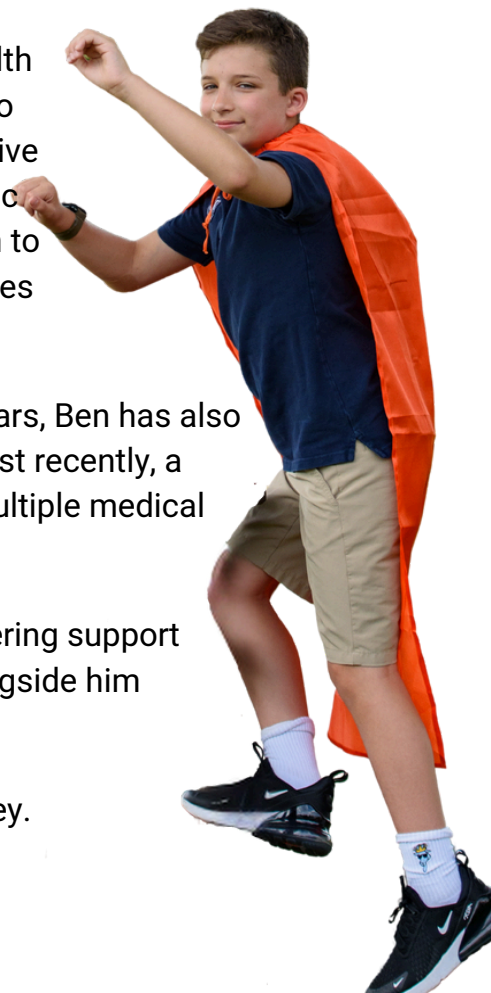
In 2016, high fevers led to a diagnosis of brain dysfunction. Over the years, Ben has also been diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome, Behçet's syndrome, and, most recently, a pituitary tumor, which has impacted his growth. Despite severe pain, multiple medical procedures, and frequent hospital visits, Ben's spirit remains unbroken.

Ben's resilience in the face of adversity is inspiring. His family's unwavering support has been a pillar throughout these trials, and they continue to fight alongside him every day.

We stand with Ben, a true Rockstar, and celebrate his remarkable journey.



~Jack's Kids Trustee's





# *The Loving* MEMORY

SUPPORTERS OF JACK'S KIDS



**James "Jim" M. McGrady**  
July 6, 1960 - October 17, 2023



**Amy Leigh Van Horn**  
December 28, 1981 - January 30, 2024



**John M. McLachlan III**  
April 18, 1983 - April 25, 2024



**Frank Provenzano**  
July 17, 1943 - June 26, 2024

2024-2025



*Adelina Pelican*

**Exalted Ruler**

**Somerville Elks Lodge #1068  
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks**

It's been a wonderful 32 years of Jack's Kids Softball Tournaments at the Somerville Elks #1068, working together as a team, making the largest event at the Elks a success. Jack's Kids committee works hard all year to give support to their families. Krista, a committee member, has started a parent support group as requested by moms as they feel alone in their journey. Along with bringing parents together they have also learned about a private Facebook page that's been around for a few years and are making use of it. Kudos to our Jack's Kids team for all they do to help our families in need. It takes the support of our entire lodge and the community to make the softball tournament a success.

I am reminded of a post from the Weehawken Elks: I am an Elk. I am an ELK because an ELK saw something in me that would allow me to be a good ELK. When asked, I eagerly joined my local organization lodge and embraced its greatness. We became ELKS because our organization is meaningful, powerful and important to our country, our community, our friends and our family.



We remain ELKS because we EMBRACE our mission, our duty and our members. We patronize our lodge because brotherhood and fellowship are a cornerstone of who ELKS are. Working together we can accomplish great things. Being an ELK is not about self, we are a group of individuals with many ideas, countless skills and inexhaustible desire to serve. ELKS are not about what an individual can extract from membership. It is what needs to be done to support it. We rejoice at being ELKS because we take pride in the successes of the children, our Veterans and the communities we serve. We practice being ELKS by stepping up when asked and volunteering our time and resources when necessary. I cannot be a good ELK without my fellow ELKS.

We are a Team!

If you aren't an ELK, you should be!

Fraternally yours,

*Addie*





Welcome to Somerville Lodge 1068!

So, you may wonder how to become an Elk and join us in all the great work we do for our community. Elks Lodges bring so much more to their communities than just a building. They are places where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up. Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve their quality of life.

Becoming an Elk is actually very easy. There are two ways:

First...You can get an application from any current member of the Lodge...You only need to ask! The application is a simple one-page form, that asks a few simple questions. After we receive your application, you are on your way to becoming a member!

Second...You can start the membership path online by opening <https://www.elks.org/who/> and filling out the form with your basic information and hit enter to send the form. In a short time after, you'll hear from your neighborhood lodge and start the membership trail!

It's a simple way to start a lifelong commitment to helping your community, our kids, and veterans. You simply need to take the first step!

Become an Elk!

# 32 YEARS

#32YEARSSTRONG

## #ITSALLABOUTTHEKIDS



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