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JD BUILDS Foundation Launches to Carry On the Legacy of Jay DeLuca and Empower the Next Generation of Tradespeople

Islip Terrace, NY — April 30, 2025 — The family of Jay DeLuca is proud to announce the official launch of the JD BUILDS Foundation, a nonprofit created to honor his life and values by supporting students entering careers in the skilled trades.

Jay DeLuca, a devoted father, community volunteer, and lifelong hard worker, passed away at 43 years old in November 2024 from non-smoking-related lung cancer. Whether helping organize local events, volunteering for community organizations, or quietly showing up when someone needed a hand, Jay believed in giving of himself — always. He built his life on the values of integrity, generosity, and purpose. Now, the JD BUILDS Foundation is here to build something in return.

Mission:

To provide scholarships, starter toolkits, and mentorships to students entering the trades — and to shine a light on the strength, value, and dignity of skilled labor.

“Jay was the guy who’d fix your fence, make you laugh while he did it, and disappear before you could say thanks,” said April Garcia, President of the Foundation and Jay’s sister-in-law. “He believed in quiet generosity — but we’re turning up the volume. Because this matters. And we want everyone to know what we’re building, and we want them to join us.”

“As Jay’s wife, I saw firsthand how much he believed in helping others grow and succeed — whether it was his kids, his friends, or a neighbor who needed a hand,” said Julia DeLuca, Co-Founder of the Foundation. “This foundation is how we carry that spirit forward — by supporting young people who are ready to work hard and build something meaningful.”

JD BUILDS Will Offer:

- Scholarships to high school graduates pursuing trade careers
- Starter toolkits to set new tradespeople up for success
- Mentorship from experienced professionals in the field

The foundation’s first virtual fundraiser is now live, with proceeds supporting our launch, our first scholarship award, and the students receiving starter toolkits. To donate or learn more, visit www.jdbuildsfoundation.com or text BUILDS to 53555.

“Tradespeople don’t just build structures — they build lives, families, communities, and futures,” said Rick Garcia, co-founder and Treasurer of JD BUILDS. “And so did Jay. This foundation is our way of keeping that going.”

About the JD BUILDS Foundation:

JD BUILDS is a nonprofit organization based in Islip Terrace, NY. Founded in memory of Jay DeLuca, it exists to support the next generation of skilled trades workers through scholarships, mentorship, and community connection. The foundation's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is currently pending.

Learn more at www.jdbuildsfoundation.com

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