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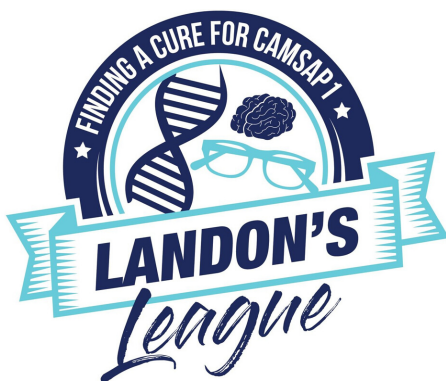
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ANNOUNCING OUR 2020 GIVING PARTNER: LANDON'S LEAGUE FOUNDATION

Happy 2 Give is excited to announce our 2020 Giving Partner: Landon's League Foundation.

Landon was born on January 4th, 2017 in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to birth, ultrasound imaging revealed brain abnormalities which were confirmed with an intrauterine MRI. The day after Landon was born, a second MRI was performed of his brain and noted rare brain structure malformations including lissencephaly ("smooth brain"), agenesis of the corpus callosum (missing the midline structure of the brain), and a small cerebellum. At about 4 months of age, Landon began to demonstrate atypical movements. Initially his pediatrician contributed his behaviors to episodic acid reflux (cont. next page).



These movements began happening more often and his neurologist subsequently ordered an EEG that confirmed these movements were happening due to seizure activity. Despite a trial run of a common anti-seizure medication, the seizures seemed to be getting worse and were prolonged. Landon was then hospitalized at Children's Hospital in St. Louis, MO in late June 2017 and diagnosed with an even more rare seizure disorder known as infantile spasms. He was then prescribed a month long treatment of a steroid. Following that treatment, he was transitioned to a new anti-epileptic medication. This medication alone did not keep the seizures away so a second medication was added. He was on both medications for approximately 14 months. They were eventually able to wean one of the medications over the course of a year, and dual therapy eventually ended in October 2018. Now, his epileptic seizures are controlled with just one medication.

Additional challenges for Landon include global developmental delay, a mix of hypotonia (low muscle tone of his core and neck) and hypertonia (rigid and guarded upper and lower extremities), cortical vision impairment, and feeding difficulties. He is making great strides due to the countless hours of home as well as outpatient physical, occupational, vision, and speech therapy.

On February 8th, 2018, during a car ride home from therapy, Landon's geneticist confirmed/identified a single "candidate" gene mutation that may be the cause of all of Landon's medical issues. That gene is known as "CAMSAP1". Subsequently, the genetics office conveyed "there had not been any research regarding that gene" and that "there really isn't anything that could be done and they'd revisit it in two years". The mutated gene Landon inherited was autosomal recessive, meaning as carriers, his parents had a 25% chance of passing the gene to other future offspring.

Landon's father Joe, a medical practitioner in his own-right, would not take this information as gospel. For the next 3 months he would spend countless hours researching and piecing together seemingly unrelated research about CAMSAP1 and proteins that it interacted with. Thanks to Joe's continuous efforts and the work of researchers at Washington University in St. Louis, the quest to find a cure for Landon is well underway and progressing rapidly. We're excited to partner with this great organization, and to have a meaningful impact on the research for Landon!

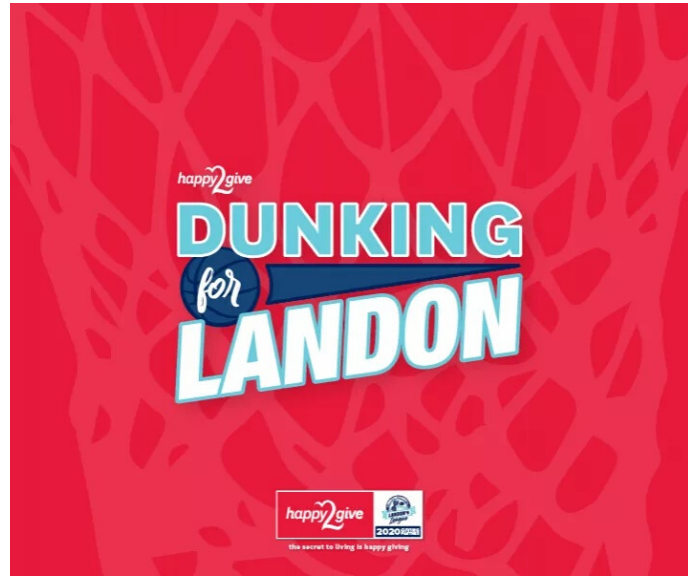
HAPPY 2 GIVE DONATES \$25,000 TO PROJECT BACKPACK

Happy 2 Give donated \$25,000 to Project Backpack St. Louis, our 2019 Giving Partner, during our Annual Christmas Party. We wish them the best as they continue their great work helping children in need. Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2019 fundraising efforts, and donated their time, talents and money to make this donation possible. Happy Giving!



DUNKING FOR LANDON

Happy 2 Give Founder & President, Andy Mansfield, is on a quest to slam dunk a basketball on a 10' rim by the end of 2020. **Why you ask?** To physically live out Happy 2 Give's mission in 2020 of connecting others to giving back in the St. Louis community, and to raise \$10,000 for Landon's League foundation. **How you ask?** A lot of sweat, blood and tears. Dunking a basketball is no small task. For those of you who know Andy well, he achieved his goal of dunking a basketball for the first time several years ago. But that was back then, and this is now. Andy is determined and focused, but will need to work hard with his formal personal trainer, Blake Austin, to accomplish this feat. Good luck, Andy!



For updates on Andy's *Dunking For Landon* progress, please visit Happy 2 Give's Facebook or Instagram pages. To donate, please visit the following link: <https://bit.ly/2teA8cv>

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR HAPPY 2 GIVE?

We're looking for volunteers to join our committees to organize our golf tournament, trivia night, and mouse races. Whether you have attended the event numerous times or never before, we would love to gain your insight and feedback on how we can make these events even more successful as we continue to grow. Join us at our Happy Hour event on February 20 (details below) or one of our other upcoming events to learn more about Happy 2 Give and all of our volunteer opportunities.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

2020 Upcoming Events: SAVE THE DATE!

July 25, 2020: 13th Annual Happy To Give Golf Tournament

Where: Florissant Golf Club | 50 Country Club Ln, Florissant, MO 63033 | Shotgun Starts at Noon

September 12, 2020: 3rd Annual "A Night At The Mouse Races" (Landon's League Foundation Event)

Where: Vetta Sports | 1425 St Peters Cottleville Rd, Cottleville, MO 63376

November 14, 2020: 5th Annual Happy To Give Trivia Night

Where: St. Ann Parish Center | 7530 Natural Bridge Rd, St. Louis, MO 63121 | Doors open at 6:30pm

February 20, 2020: Drinks for Landon Happy Hour

Where: 5:00PM | The Post Sports Bar | 763 Old Ballas Rd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Cost: Free Drinks & Food

JOIN THE HAPPY GIVING SOCIETY

Ensure that Happy 2 Give is able to continue giving back to the St. Louis community by joining the Happy Giving Society with a monthly gift of \$50 or more. By joining you will be given the opportunity to shape the future of our organization by participating in our annual Giving Partner selection process.

All Happy Giving Society members are invited to cast their vote in the first round of our Giving Partner selection process each year. From this round, three finalists will be invited to present to our board, who will then make the final selection. The chosen winner will be our Giving Partner with whom we raise funds for and participate in volunteer activities during the upcoming calendar year. The two runner-ups will also receive support from Happy 2 Give. Additionally, all Happy Giving Society members will receive a free purple *Happy 2 Give* tote bag. Thanks for your support, and Happy Giving!

