

Mason James Thorpe was a handsome and bright little boy who brought joy and happiness to everyone around him. As many of you are aware our precious son Mason passed away at the age of 22 months, on January 31, 2015, suddenly and unexpectedly, without explanation, in his sleep. Because of Mason’s age, his passing is not considered Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Instead, it belongs to a lesser-known category, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) which occurs when an apparently healthy child beyond the age of 12 months dies without warning and without a known cause found after a thorough investigation.

One of the hardest things we dealt with is going back to day to day activities after Mason passed. I was fortunate enough to be able to take the time off to grieve and get the help I needed, however with that blessing there was also a curse, we lost our health insurance because I couldn’t, for my mental health, return to my job as a Nurse’s Assistant at the Hospital. It was then that we noticed, outside of your local church, there really weren’t a lot of resources out there to help families in our situation.

**Mason James Thorpe** There are several resources for families who have lost a child to cancer

**3/23/13-1/31/15** or drug/alcohol abuse, but we have noticed there is very little help to families who weren’t expecting this kind of hardship. No one can ever be prepared to lose a child but there is a different struggle when you do not have that time to say good bye or even speak with your child about what is happening. Modern science allows us to detect cancer or see signs of drug/alcohol abuse, but you cannot predict a life ending through a fall, a car crash, or even a routine nap. This unexpected tragedy is what we want to help families with. Our goal is to offer assistance to those parents who are trying to balance the grief of what they just went through with the everyday cycle of mortgage payments, health insurance, utility bills as well as anything else they may be struggling to pay. These every day bills are the things we experienced that are the hardest to deal with, as well as trying to continue to provide for the family and relationship you have left.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please feel free to contact us to learn more about getting involved. If you would like to learn more about Mason James Foundation, find us on Facebook or at [www.masonjamesfoundation.org](http://www.masonjamesfoundation.org) . If you would like additional information on SUDC visit [www.sudc.org](http://www.sudc.org).

Sincerely,

The Thorpe’s and Willems



**Third Annual Mason James Foundation Golf Tournament**

Business owners who wish to be a sponsor, please use the sponsorship opportunities form attached for your convenience.

For those who cannot attend, donations are also acceptable, and greatly appreciated. Donations can be made online at [www.masonjamesfoundation.org](http://www.masonjamesfoundation.org) or mailed to:

Mason James Foundation

c/o Katie Thorpe

7453 Darius Drive

Wilmington, NC 28411

Plans for the **Third Annual Mason James Golf Tournament** are as follows:

Date: Saturday March 23, 2019

Location: Olde Point Country Club

 513 Country Club Drive

 Hampstead, NC 28443

Tee Time: 9:00 am with Shotgun Start

Fees: $400 per team (4 People)

Details: Includes 18 holes of golf,

 light food and drinks before after the event

 at Olde Point Country Club.

 Awards 30 min after all teams get in.

Donors as well as significant others of any donor or player are also invited to the awards to be recognized and thanked for supporting the Mason James Foundation.

The Thorpe and Willems family will be organizing this event to benefit a family to be chosen at a later date; however, we need your help! Please consider volunteering your time to help this memorable event or help us find sponsors, raffle items or businesses to donate to our tournament!

We thank you for your support in helping us help a grieving family in need.

**To RSVP for this event, fill out the form on the next page or**

**please email** MasonJamesFoundation@gmail.com**.**

**Volunteers please email me.**

**2019 Sponsorship Application Form**

(To secure your sponsorship please return this form along with payment)

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**Sponsorship Options (Please Circle one)**

**Option 1: Diamond Sponsor ($500)**

This option will be available for sponsors contributing $500 - $999.99 to the event. This level includes signage, hand out of any business provided materials and a one-hole sponsorship.

**Option 2: Gold Sponsor ($1,000)**

This option will be available for sponsors contributing $1,000 or more to the event. This level includes two one-hole sponsorships with premium signage, hand out of business provided materials and a foursome of your choosing.

**Please make checks payable to:** The Mason James Foundation

 (Please print neatly)

**Golfer’s Names** (Please email to masonjamesfoundation@gmail.com no later than March 15, 2019)

**Golfer 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Mail checks and application forms to:

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**For easy online payment go to**

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