

Jeremy's Dream Foundation

Jeremy David Parker



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Who is Jeremy?

Jeremy was born April 3rd, 1995 and from that moment he was one we would never forget. Jeremy always kept a smile on his face, it was a smile that could light up a room, and still to this day it lights up our hearts when we see his pictures. Jeremy loved people and if he knew you for a brief second you became his family. Jeremy had a way of bringing people together in his own unique way. I would often get mad at him as he got older, because he was so friendly and forgiving of people. But Jeremy was on a mission that no one knew about but him and God.

He would give our food away and our conversation would go like this...

Ma: "Jeremy, why did you do that?"!!!

Jeremy: "Ma, he was hungry, and they don't have food in the house".

Ma: "but that is what you all were going to eat".

Jeremy: "we're good, you will make a way"

And that I did. Jeremy knew that he could give knowing he would still be ok. His faith in God as a child was stronger than some of ours as adults. Not only would he feed his friends, but he would invite and bring them to church, because he knew all that he had, God made it possible for him and he wanted everyone to prosper.

Up until he was tragically taken from us he was still bringing his friends to church. The week he died one of his good friends was baptized that next Sunday. From his death, so many have come back to God and have been blessed. My son was tragically killed May 3rd, 2016. I didn't know at the time how I was going to make it. I felt I needed to do something to keep my sons memory alive. Then one day I found myself giving to a guy I would often see on the bus stop, on my way to work, with his two little girls. Then I found myself giving to other people I didn't know. Even when I had little, I gave what I could, not knowing why I was doing it. Then I would hear Jeremy say "Ma, they needed it! God got you"! And God had me, and He still has me.

So, with that, I started Jeremy's Dream Foundation (JDF) In December 2016! Since that time, I've had tremendous support. So many recipients in the past 2 years have been blessed because of it. To see the smiles on faces and the gratitude in their eyes lets me know starting this foundation was not by accident, and his memory shall forever live in each envelope, piece of clothing, food gift or whatever we do for someone. What Jeremy started by giving unexpectedly, I shall continue in his honor.

Mom

