

Live Like Maddie Foundation

Inaugural Newsletter - Fall 2025

Helping Individuals and Families Affected by Rare Diseases



Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to share with you the very first edition of the ***Live Like Maddie Foundation Newsletter***! This marks the start of a tradition we hope will keep you—our generous supporters and partners—closely connected to the impact of your kindness and the future of our mission.

As we close out our first full year as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, we are filled with gratitude and pride. Thanks to the generosity of more than 100 individuals and organizations, we received over \$150,000 in donations. With your support, we were able to provide direct assistance to a multitude of children and families across New Jersey affected by rare diseases—helping cover the cost of vital medical equipment and quality-of-life devices that insurance would not.

These impact stories have helped establish the Live Like Maddie Foundation as a trusted and growing voice within the local rare disease

community. While we are proud of these milestones, the demand continues to grow—and with it, the opportunity to do even more. In our first year, we were able to fulfill 71% of the requests for assistance that we received. This accomplishment is meaningful, but it also serves as a powerful reminder that our work is just beginning. There is still so much more we can—and must—do.

Our Mission: Why We Began

The Live Like Maddie Foundation was founded to honor the life and legacy of **Madison**, who bravely faced a rare disease with *love, courage, and joy*. Through her journey, we witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by families living with rare diseases—especially the financial challenges that are often overlooked and under-supported.

Our mission is simple but powerful: ***to enhance the lives of individuals and families affected by rare diseases by providing essential financial assistance and comprehensive support services.*** We believe that by sharing Maddie's story and investing in meaningful initiatives, we can bring light, hope, and resources to others navigating similar paths.

Support Our Mission

This Is What Your Gift Makes Possible:

Thanks to your generosity, our very first year has been filled with meaningful progress in improving the lives of children and families affected by rare diseases. Your support has already made a tangible difference—and we're honored to share just two recent stories of the brave Warriors whose lives you've helped change.



Jeremy's Story

The Live Like Maddie Foundation provided Jeremy a Bath Transfer System! This equipment is a game changer. It provides Jeremy with the support and positioning he needs, while also ensuring the safety of both him and his caregiver. Simple things like bath time will now be safer, easier and more dignified.

\$5,350 Gift

[Learn more](#)

Mathias's Story

Thanks to the generosity of The Live Like Maddie Foundation, Mathias received a custom-designed adaptive bike. This gift is more than just a bike: it's a tool for greater mobility, range of motion, a boost of independence and more importantly, a source of pure joy.

\$5,230 Gift

[Learn more](#)

Looking Ahead: Building for the Future

While we are proud of what we've accomplished in such a short time, this is only the beginning. Our goals for the next year and beyond include:

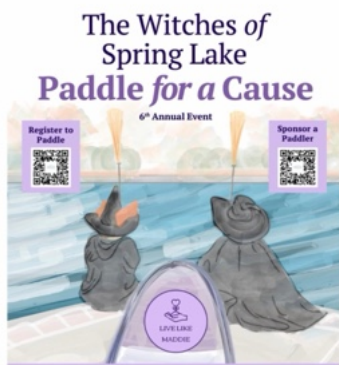
- **Expanding Our Reach:** Growing our support network to reach more families affected by rare diseases throughout New Jersey and eventually across the country.
- **Creating Sustainability:** Building a strong, enduring foundation through recurring giving programs, strategic partnerships, and long-term fundraising initiatives.
- **Driving Awareness:** Elevating the conversation around rare diseases to ensure families have better access to resources, research, and community support.

How You Can Help – Upcoming Events

Your support is the heart of our mission. Whether through donations, volunteering, or simply sharing our story, you help us honor Maddie's legacy and extend love and care to others who need it most.

**The Witches of Spring Lake
Paddle for a Cause**

Saturday, October 11, 2025 @ 10 am in
Spring Lake, NJ



Join us at Spring Lake
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