



*I want to help special  
needs children like  
Jamie!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check payable to the  
**"SCF - Jamie's Smiles"** or  
please charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card:

Visa

Mastercard

Card#: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

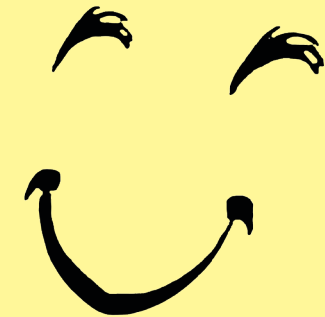
Please mail to the:  
Shelby Community Foundation  
Attn: Jamie's Smiles  
PO Box 183181  
Shelby Township, MI 48318

Jamie's Smiles is a charitable fund  
held and administered by the:



PO Box 183181  
Shelby Township, MI 48318  
(586) 909-5305

# JAMIE'S SMILES



## Our Mission

Jamie's Smiles' mission is to  
supply supplemental funding  
to outstanding programs that  
benefit special needs children  
through grants and other  
financial means.



## JAMESON'S STORY



Bates Family - November 2005

On June 25, 2004, Jameson was born with Down Syndrome. Initially, he excelled developmentally, but at five months of age, he was diagnosed with Infantile Spasms, a seizure disorder.

We tried many medications, but with the exception that one would occasionally offer a temporary hope, Jamie's condition only worsened.

Jamie began ACTH therapy in September of 2006. Thanks to this medication, Jamie had six infantile spasm free weeks that Fall. During this time, he developed grand mal seizures, but was able to progress developmentally as they were less constant than the seizure activity he had been experiencing.

Jamie smiled and laughed freely throughout these weeks. We feel this was the only time he was able to be himself truly and completely throughout his entire short life. His laugh brought life and joy back to our home after months of fear and sadness.

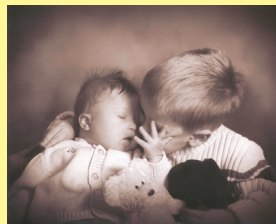
Jamie's Infantile Spasms reoccurred in November. He developed pneumonia which spiraled into ever increasing seizures activity. In December, Jamie lost the ability to control his lung function and his seizure activity continued to escalate. He was in and out of the Intensive Care Unit and spent over a month at Children's Hospital.

We were told by all of the specialists on Jamie's case that they could not cure Jameson's respiratory problems and that he would have to be put permanently on a respirator. Additionally, his seizures were likely to continue to intensify. We were told that his suffering could only increase without any possibility of relieve or improvement.

On January 20, 2006, we took Jameson home on hospice. He immediately rebounded because he was happy to be home. However, over the next nine days his health again declined. On January 29th at 4:33 PM Jameson drew his last breath while comforted by his parents and brother. He opened his eyes and then looked no more.

## A LEGACY OF LOVE

Many people may think that a handicapped child or special needs person is somehow valued less, perhaps loved less, even by their family. We loved Jamie as much as his brother and more fiercely and deeply than some children are ever loved.



Logan & Jameson

Jamie gave love freely and taught incredible lessons in the unfathomably difficult and fleeting 19 months that he shared our lives. We will never be the same; not only from grief, but from who he

showed us we could be and how we could live. We strive to honor his legacy whenever and where ever possible.

Toward this end, an endowment fund has been established through the Shelby Community Foundation (SCF), called "Jamie's Smiles," to celebrate Jameson and to help other special children through supplemental funding for outstanding special needs programs.

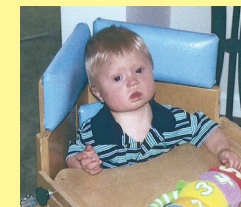
## JAMIE'S SMILES AT WORK

We wanted to take Jameson's loss and turn it into something helpful to other special kids like him. As a result, when Jamie died, we asked that people consider contributing to special needs children in lieu of donating flowers. Due to the overwhelming generosity of people like you, over \$11,000 was given.



MIPP program therapy swing purchased with grant money

In order to best utilize these donations, we established the fund called "Jamie's Smiles." Since that time we realized that we wanted to do more. It is our goal to have a minimum of \$120,000 in the endowment fund. This will make two yearly grants of at least \$1,000 available for special needs kids' programs into perpetuity - forever.



Jameson in MIPP "loaner" therapy chair

We have already begun to help! As of December 2007, the Macomb Infant Preschool Program (MIPP), the program that most helped Jamie and gives therapy to special needs children through the age of three, had received

over \$13,800 in grants and donations through Jamie's Smiles.

There is a lot more work to do, so please help us accomplish our goal! To make a contribution or for the most recent details about Jamie's Smiles, please visit us on the web at [www.JamiesSmiles.org](http://www.JamiesSmiles.org). We can be reached by phone at (586) 909-5305 or email us at [info@JamiesSmiles.org](mailto:info@JamiesSmiles.org). To make a donation please mail back the form attached. Contributions to this 501c(3) are tax deductible (please speak to a tax advisor for details).