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Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services

Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services is a non-profit organization that *“exists to support and improve the quality of life for children with cancer and supports their families in the challenges they face”*.

(“jacobheart.org,” 2017).



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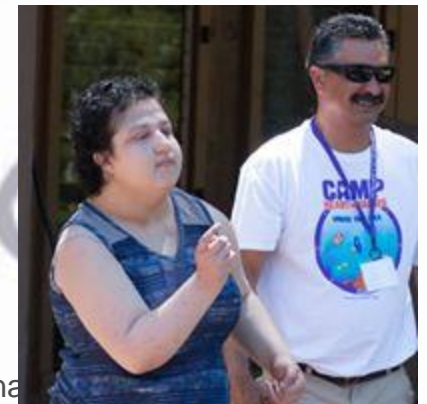


Jacobs's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services provides many services to assist each family of children with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses.

("jacobheart.org," 2017).

Camp Heart & Hands

Teen groups



Cancer in adolescents

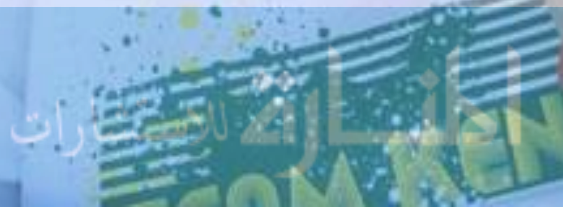
- Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children and adolescents in the United States. (Source: National Cancer Institute)

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About 70,000 young people (ages 15-39) are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States.

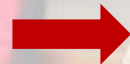
“Leukemia, Lymphoma, Testicular Cancer, and Thyroid Cancer are the most common cancer among 15-24 year old”.

Kennedy, M. (2015)



Cause and effect

- Diagnosis test
- Chemotherapy
- Radiation
- Stem or bone marrow transplant



- Discomfort
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Body pain
- Fever
- Infection
- Fatigue
- Low appetite



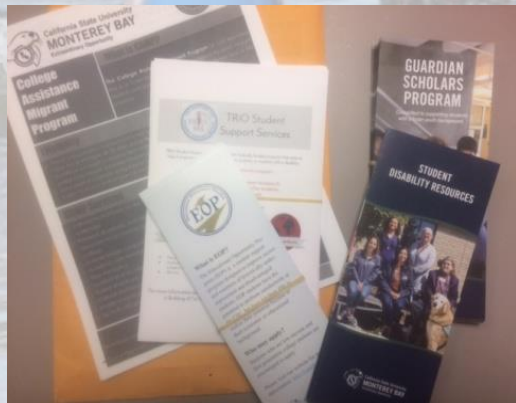
- *Emotionally paralyze*
- *Depression*
- *Suicidal thoughts*
- *Social anxiety*
- *Stress*
- *Increase dependence*
- *Hopeless*
- *Fear*
- *Isolation*

(Zebrack, B.J., Chesler, M.A, Penn, A., 2007). (McLeod, A. n.d.).

30% all the teens Jacob's Heart serve will graduate with their class.

The Youth Skill Development Curriculum

Help Jacob's Heart teens flourish in life



When they believe in themselves its great to see what they can accomplish

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The Youth Skill Development Curriculum

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Title</i>
Wednesday, July 12 th	5:00-5:30 p.m.	Understanding the Junior Board
<i>Wednesday, July 26th</i>		<i>Application due!</i>
Wednesday, July 26 th	6:00- 7:30p.m.	Building resume and personal statement
Wednesday, August 16 th	6:00- 7:30 p.m.	Presenting to the Board members
Wednesday, August 30 th	6:00- 7:00 p.m.	Scholarship search
Wednesday, October 11 th	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Guest Speakers from CSUMB
	5:00 – 6:00	Pinning Ceremony

The Youth Skill Development Curriculum

Workshops

- *Flourish - Grown and think about their future*

Give hope for a cancer survivors for their future goal

The Junior Board

- *Mentors - An experienced and trusted adviser*
- *Empower - Become stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights.*
- *Critical thinking - Analyze and evaluate an issue in order to form a judgment.*

Results

Attendance

Workshop #1: Six teens

Workshop #2: Two teens

2017 CSUMB Open House

Two of our Jacob's Heart teens were interest in attending the 2017 CSUMB Open House in October

Pinned for the Junior Board

1. A president

2. A secretary

Challenges & Recommendations

YOU NEVER KNOW
HOW STRONG
YOU ARE UNTIL
BEING STRONG
IS THE ONLY CHOICE
YOU HAVE

Try focusing on limiting the number of workshops in order to increase the number of participants.

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***My family and
Jacob's Heart Children Cancer Support
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