

# Thank you, Tualatin

Last month, we featured a story about Jessi Thorne and her fight to obtain a potentially life-saving brain surgery. ([tualatinlife.com/full-article/jessis-story](http://tualatinlife.com/full-article/jessis-story)) The response from Tualatin Life Readers has been overwhelming, but there's still more work to do. Jessi checks in with an update:

"Since the Tualatin Life article was published, my funds have jumped from 3K to nearly 20K, it has had a snowball effect just as Jonathan had said it would, legitimatizing my story and prompting other reporters to want to know more.

I have seen many good things come from this situation; one being that I get the chance to truly see the generosity, kindness, and compassion that many people have in their hearts. If I would have never gone through this struggle, where I require so much help and assistance from others, I never would have realized how many people are so gracious and willing to help.

It is amazing to see how our community has come together to help me in any way that they can. Every day I wake up to more

suggestions, more well wishes, more donations, and more strength from others to help me keep fighting. I can't even express how thankful I am in words, and when this is all over, I plan on figuring out how to give back to this World in a big way.



After my article was published in Tualatin Life last month, it led to more newspapers wanting to run the story, and even a TV news station (KATU). After all of these things, I had an abundance of people reaching out to help me.

Not only were people donating their hard-earned money, but they wanted me to know that the community is really willing to be there for me in any way possible. A group of Tualatin Moms reached out to me, wanting me to know that they are available when I need help with Landon, when I need

help with meals, and when I would like to get together with other moms so Landon can play, and I can rest. I have had families reach out to me, expressing that they would like to purchase Christmas gifts for Landon. I have had insurance agents offer me their assistance, free of cost, to find the best Private Insurance plan that has the most coverage.

I have had numerous companies, and individuals, donate lots of amazing items for the silent auction. Recently I met with a group of very gracious individuals, who have been rallying together to put on a fundraiser where local businesses will donate a portion of their proceeds to my cause. They took precious times from their lives, to get fliers printed, paperwork worked up, and brainstormed lots of ideas to help. Mind you, all of these people were strangers before, touched by my story, and driven to help by the goodness inside of them.

I am blown away by all of the people that are willing to help in any way possible. When I reached out to Tualatin Life, I had no idea that the story would spread so fast, that so much money would be raised in such a short amount of time, and that there were so many amazing people that were willing to help. I can tell you that me, my family and my friends, are completely warmed by all of the people that are coming together. I know that I am not alone in this fight, and I want everyone to know that every dollar, every share, every thought, and every prayer means the World to me, and to Landon."

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## 3 Ways YOU can Help:

**Make a donation at:**

[www.youcaring.com/jessi-thorne-446071](http://www.youcaring.com/jessi-thorne-446071)

## "A Day for Jessi" Fundraiser

**Shop • Serve • Dine • Donate**  
**One Day Only!**  
**Thursday, December 10, 2015**

You can make a difference while you're shopping or dining! Jessi Thorne is a 25-year old mother who urgently needs lifesaving brain surgery for a Pineal Cyst not covered by her insurance. Jessi lives in Tualatin with her beautiful 2 year old son.

On Thursday, December 10th, come out and visit participating establishments who have graciously agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds for this very worthy cause on this very special day.

Jessi's story has been featured in the *Tualatin Life* newspaper and on **KATU 2 - On Your Side**.

To see her full Story, visit: [tualatinlife.com/full-article/jessis-story](http://tualatinlife.com/full-article/jessis-story)

If you can't participate on December 10th, you can still donate at [www.servingourneighbors.org](http://www.servingourneighbors.org) or use this QR code on your smartphone.



## Silent Auction Fundraiser

**December 13th • 12:00 Noon**  
**Help Save Jessi's Life!!!**

**Location: Newberg Armory**  
**620 N. Morton St. • Newberg, OR 97132**

Jessi is a young single mother who is trying to privately fund and undergo an invasive brain surgery to remove a growing pineal cyst that her insurance won't cover. Please join us in helping her reach her goal of \$88,000!!

We are asking for donations that are of any value to be auctioned off or any services you can offer to help reach her goal!



**For more information on this event you can help please contact us:**

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