

JakeSake Follow Up:

A Story of a Local Business and Local People Rallying Together making a real impact

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We are so grateful to the amazing team at Islands Tanning and their customers. Owner, Jon Guyette read Jake's story in the September issue of Tualatin Life and immediately wanted to help. He offered to match, dollar for dollar, the donations made by his customers and

feel the arms of Community and Islands Tanning wrapped around us. It has been such a pleasure meeting the Guyette's and team at Islands Tanning. I am always amazed but never surprised by how many people Jake touches. Thank you to everyone who sees past his crutches, hearing aides, shoe lift, halo, and casts and into his heart.

The next step for Jake is to be casted for his spine. His curve last March was 55 degrees and now he is measuring at 65 degrees. He will be in a cast from his armpits to his pelvis and have to go under anesthesia each time. They will change the cast every 2 months for quite some time. Jake said to me "Mom, I can never just be free! I always have to wear something, it feels like going to work everyday and then even on Saturday and Sunday." After hearing how Jake was feeling, we have decided to give him a break, emotionally and physically, and begin casting in January.

Thank you for supporting and following Jake's story. If you would like to continue following the JakeSake story, please "Like" the facebook site at: www.facebook.com/pages/JakeSakeFoundation/11489201052

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other local people who wanted to help. They went into action mode, rallied their team, their customers and raised a combined \$7,422 in just 30 days. If that was not enough, they also gave Jake a gift card to Toys R Us for \$250 dollars.

What an overwhelming response to Jake and his story! Before the story ran, the JakeSake Facebook page had 338 "Likes" and now has over 520! The impact and awareness this has created has been tremendous.

They invited us to the store to present the "big" check. It was a very emotional moment for us, people who we only just met 30 days ago stepped up in a huge way and raised over \$7,000 dollars. It brought me to tears.

Our support system keeps growing and we truly



Team Islands Tanning presenting check to Jake, Chellie & Sidney Dering, along with the Guyette family (Jon, Becca & Sadie)



Franchise Owner Rob Gloeckner, Jake Dering and CEO of Islands Tanning Jon Guyette.