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Community Partnerships, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit organization and any contributions to the agency are tax deductible. We greatly appreciate any donations that would help further our mission of improving the lives of children, youth and families that suffer with mental illness in Dane County. No donation is too small.

Since 2000 Community Partnerships has served nearly 800 children who struggle with mental illness and who are at risk of being placed in an institution. We have proven to be successful in reducing the placement of children in psychiatric and child-caring institutions by providing individualized services in the community.

But, like Jessica, many of these children will need on-going supports to keep them safe and out of institutions. It is through each of our efforts that these children can receive the supports necessary to maintain their successes, remain safe and the lives of their families can be improved.

Jessica's Wish

By Nancy Hicks, Jessica's mom



Jessica's Wish is Community Partnerships, Inc.'s first memorial fund set up to help children and their families during times of need. Jessica Lynn Hicks entered into rest of her own will on August 1, 2001, at the age of fifteen. Jessica was diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder at the age of nine. Treatment included several hospitalizations, psychiatric care, a rigorous medication regimen and individual and family counseling. Jessica's treatment successes were limited, although she did benefit from the one-to-one support service.

This one-to-one support helped Jessica build skills and provided structured and supervised activities. Individual, qualified care is often needed, but difficult to find for children with mental illness. My hope is that Jessica's Wish will be able to provide additional funding for services needed by children with special needs.

Jessica was my gift, and for that I am grateful. In turn, the goal of Jessica's Wish is to help support children to feel special and self-confident. Your donation to Jessica's Wish is needed so that other children involved with Community Partnerships can continue to receive outstanding quality care.

My most sincere thanks to you and your family for taking the time to consider the importance of Jessica's Wish. Jessica's Wish fund will be used to directly support families and your donation is tax deductible.

Mission

Our mission is to work with families, children and youth by helping them to stay together, stabilizing them in their community, and reducing hospital, residential and correctional stays, using wraparound individualized service plans that incorporate strengths, culture and community support.