



Jessie Rees Foundation Brave Beanie Fact Sheet



Joy Jars: How They Began

The Jessie Rees Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure every child fighting cancer has the support and resources they need to Never Ever Give Up (NEGU). Our inspiration came from Jessie Joy Rees who was a faith-filled, beautiful, athletic, caring and loving twelve-year old girl who courageously fought two brain tumors (DIPG) from March 2011 to January 2012. It was Jessie's compassion for others that led her to create JoyJars which are fun-filled gifts of JOY to share with children fighting cancer. With each JoyJar that is sent daily, we share Jessie's legacy and motto to Never Ever Give Up (NEGU) to kids who could really use a burst of JOY. To date we have sent over 123,000 Joy Jars worldwide to kids fighting cancer.

JoyJars + Brave Beanies = JOY

Included in each of these fun-filled JoyJars is a Brave Beanie. These are either handmade or purchased hats that kids can wear while going through treatment. It is often the most treasured item in the JoyJar as each is sent with love and holds a special place in the heart of every child who receives one. We accept hats in a multitude of sizes and styles - be creative and fun!

Can You Help Us Bring Joy to Kids Fighting Cancer?

We are seeking volunteers to help us bring JOY to kids fighting cancer by making Brave Beanie hats for our JoyJars! Hats can be knitted, sewn, crocheted, or even loomed! You can make one or grab a group of friends and make 100! Here are a few helpful tips and resources to get you started!

Patterns For Our Brave Beanies

Often children who receive our JoyJars are in hospitals wearing hospital gowns and their beanies are one of the few ways they have to show their individuality! Therefore, we do not have a special pattern, color or style for our Brave Beanies... we just encourage everyone who donates to be creative! No special skill level is necessary and we have put together a Pinterest Board where people have shared all skill-level of patterns, styles and so much more! Please feel free to visit our Pinterest Board at: <https://www.pinterest.com/JessieRees/brave-beanies-for-kids-fighting-cancer/>.

Materials For Our Brave Beanies

For handmade Brave Beanies, we recommend using soft yarns or materials in fun colors! Please no wool or animal hair.

Hat Sizes For Our Brave Beanies

Children	Age	Head Circumference	Hat Height
Baby	6-12 months	16" - 19"	7.5"
Toddler	1 - 4 years	18" - 20"	8"
Child	3 - 12 years	19" - 20.5"	8.5"
Teens	13+	20.5" - 22"	9" - 10"

We Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to consider donating Brave Beanies for our JoyJars and helping us care until there is a cure for kids fighting cancer. We look forward to working with you and if there is anything we can do to assist you in partnering with us to spread JOY to these amazing kids, please let us know! We Never Ever Give Up (NEGU) for kids fighting cancer!

"PLEASE HELP EVERY KID FIGHTING CANCER TO NEVER EVER GIVE UP!"

Inspired by 12 year old
Jessie Rees (4/8/99-1/5/12)

Send your Brave Beanies to:

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