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COMMUNITY RALLYING TO HELP 27-YEAR-OLD AFTER ANEURYSM

\$16,400 Raised in 4 Months to Help Jessa Ryan and Family

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—In November, life changed forever for 27-year-old Jessa Ryan and her family. She experienced a sudden brain aneurysm that claims the lives of 90% of those affected. The middle school personal care assistant and Eagles fan is now living with paralysis and unable to speak. Her loving community has raised over \$16,400 in just 4 months to help with uncovered medical costs.

Before this shocking medical crisis, Jessa was “living life to the fullest,” explained friend Laura Konstance, who wrote the story [on the fundraising page in Jessa’s honor](#). Working as a personal care assistant at Robert K. Shafer Middle School, “she is so loved that all the students want to be under her care.”

Laura describes Jessa as having a sweet disposition and a loving heart—“the sunshine of her family’s life.”

The grade 5 brain aneurysm that Jessa experienced in November led to a stroke and cardiac arrest. Her parents were with her when it occurred, and their quick response and life-saving actions from medical responders helped her to beat the odds following a medical crisis survived by only 10% of those who experience it.

Jessa was rushed to Jefferson Torresdale Hospital then life-flighted to Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience. Countless complications led to surgeries, medical interventions, and an excruciating emotional roller coaster for her family.

“Jessa’s amazing strength even surprised her care team,” explained Laura.

Following 2 months on a ventilator, Jessa began her rehabilitation journey. Still unable to use her voice, Jessa continues to fight for medical stability as she and her family face a new life with paralysis.

Realizing her family was taking on countless expenses that insurance wouldn't fully cover, her community turned to the nonprofit Help Hope Live.

Help Hope Live is a Radnor, PA-based national nonprofit that helps thousands of individuals and families to fundraise for all the costs insurance doesn't fully cover following a life-changing medical event.

After just 4 months, the campaign has raised over \$16,400 in Jessa's honor.

Funds raised will provide a critical bridge between what insurance covers and what Jessa and her family need to bring her home safely, including home modifications for accessibility and a wheelchair van.

Donations can be made at: <https://helphopelive.org/campaign/25321/>

Unlike a GoFundMe campaign, donations to Help Hope Live are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and all funds raised will be administered by the nonprofit to cover verified medical and related expenses. Help Hope Live verifies medical and financial need for every patient.

Help Hope Live is a national nonprofit that specializes in engaging communities in secure, tax-deductible fundraising campaigns for people who need a transplant or are affected by a catastrophic injury or illness. Since 1983, campaigns organized by Help Hope Live have raised over \$188 million to pay patient expenses.

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