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WAYS TO DO GOOD

with The Do Gooder Challenge

KINDEST KIDS &
GREAT CITIZENS

Mighty Maria
Megan Garbe
Monica Day & Matt Barnes
and many more...

she believed
she could
so she
did

PELOTONIA
and more

**CANCER
CRUSADERS**

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Hope Hollow

By: Courtney Fulton

Jane Jacquemin-Clark is no stranger to the twists and turns that surround a family's cancer journey - her own family's journey started when she was just 10 years old. After her mother passed away from pancreatic cancer, two of her aunts became like mothers to her and became extremely close with her before each received a cancer diagnosis of their own. Then, in 2007, Jane was diagnosed with medullary thyroid cancer, a rare and aggressive form of the disease.

Despite each of these challenges, Jane felt so blessed when she went into remission and had a heartfelt concern for others walking the same journey. She knew right away that she wanted to give back - that's where the idea for Hope Hollow began.

Hope Hollow, founded and run by Jane and her husband, Kevin, provides free lodging, meals and transportation assistance for cancer patients and their families traveling to Columbus for medical treatment.

As a result of their gratitude and desire to give back in a big way, the Clarks made the leap to purchase a bigger home during a stage of life when many of their friends were downsizing.

However, when they began to restore the house and prepare it for guests, Jane was diagnosed a second time, this time with breast cancer. She said that she is now "living the gratitude twice."

"Every person's journey is unique, but all share some common threads," she said. "In my personal experience of having two cancers, it increased my empathy, compassion and understanding for those who have cancer."

"THIS PLACE WAS TRULY FOUNDED
FROM A PLACE OF GRATITUDE. I PRAYED
WITH GRATITUDE EVERY DAY - AND I
WANTED TO FIND A WAY TO LIVE IT."

-JANE JACQUEMIN-CLARK



Although Hope Hollow started small, as the Clarks hosted families in their home, they quickly noticed a need in the community that reached much further than their walls could accommodate. Jane and Kevin receive referrals for guests through local hospitals and social service organizations. Last year, Hope Hollow was able to provide more than 1,100 nights of rest for families in financial need seeking medical treatment in Columbus.

"There are so many patients we've had the privilege to serve - they are such courageous, resilient, hope filled, beautiful, loving people and it's a joy and honor to come to know and love them," Jane said.

In addition to lodging, meals and transportation, Hope Hollow also provides a space for cancer patients and their loved ones to receive emotional support as they seek a cure. Jane and Kevin have been able to connect with patients and their loved ones from across the country because they've been in their shoes and truly understand what they're going through.

"We walk on sacred ground," Jane said. "The people we've come to know, love and serve are inviting us to be a part of their lives at one of the most difficult, vulnerable and yet precious times of their lives."

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Hope Hollow has been tremendously successful over the past six years, and the number of nights of lodging provided has grown by an average of 200-300 every year. Kevin and Jane have even bigger dreams for the organization, though. They hope to continue to serve more cancer patients and families, expand their staff and more than anything, share the same hope that they have experienced on their own journey with as many people as possible.