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Jacob’s Heart Children's Cancer Support Services

Jacob’s Heart Children’s Cancer Support Services is a non-profit organization that “exists to support and improve the quality of life for children with cancer and supports their families in the challenges they face”.

Jacobs’s Heart Children’s Cancer Support Services provides many services to assist each family of children with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses. (‘‘jacobheart.org,’’ 2017).

Camp Heart & Hands
Teen groups
Cancer in adolescents

About 70,000 young people (ages 15-39) are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States.

“Leukemia, Lymphoma, Testicular Cancer, and Thyroid Cancer are the most common cancer among 15-24 year old”.

Cause and effect

- Diagnosis test
- Chemotherapy
- Radiation
- Stem or bone marrow transplant

- Emotionally paralyze
- Depression
- Suicidal thoughts
- Social anxiety
- Stress
- Increase dependence
- Hopeless
- Fear
- Isolation

30% all the teens Jacob’s Heart serve will graduate with their class.

The Youth Skill Development Curriculum

Help Jacob’s Heart teens flourish in life

When they believe in themselves its great to see what they can accomplish
### The Youth Skill Development Curriculum

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Workshops

- Flourish - Grown and think about their future
  
  Give hope for a cancer survivors for their future goal

The Junior Board

- Mentors - An experienced and trusted adviser

- Empower - Become stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights.

- Critical thinking - Analyze and evaluate an issue in order to form a judgment.
Results

Attendance

Workshop #1: Six teens
Workshop #2: Two teens

2017 CSUMB Open House

Two of our Jacob’s Heart teens were interested in attending the 2017 CSUMB Open House in October

Pinned for the Junior Board

1. A president
2. A secretary
Challenges & Recommendations

Try focusing on limiting the number of workshops in order to increase the number of participants.
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