

Jared Box Project for Magellan Cares Month

The Month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and Magellan Health also celebrates 'Magellan Cares Month' in May. In Pennsylvania, Magellan's three Care Management Centers (CMCs) in Bethlehem, Johnstown and Newtown are serving as collection locations for a <u>Jared Box Project</u> during the month to help bring some joy to children of all ages.

The *Jared Box Project* is named after a young boy, named Jared. At age 5, Jared was diagnosed with an incurable cancer. Even with his diagnosis, Jared was always filled with happiness. So much happiness, that he would carry a backpack of toys to every medical appointment and share his toys with other kids for them to play together and have fun. Sadly, Jared lost his battle with cancer at age 6, but, his message lives on through his family with the *Jared Box Project*.

Magellan employees are encouraged to donate toys, books, playing cards and a range of other items for children recovering in local hospitals. There are also times when children visit loved ones in the hospital, and these donations can be helpful to children in these situations as well. In June, Magellan's local MY LIFE (Magellan Youth Leaders Inspiring Future Empowerment) groups will organize the collected items and deliver *Jared Boxes* to local hospitals.

If you have any questions regarding this community outreach effort, please contact MBHofPA@MagellanHealth.com.