



THE CARDINAL MESSENGER

THE CORY J GARWACKI FOUNDATION



As we find ourselves coming to the end of another year, I am often reminded of the importance of each day. I think about Cory's love and excitement for this time of the year, and how his spirit lit up the holiday season. It was contagious.

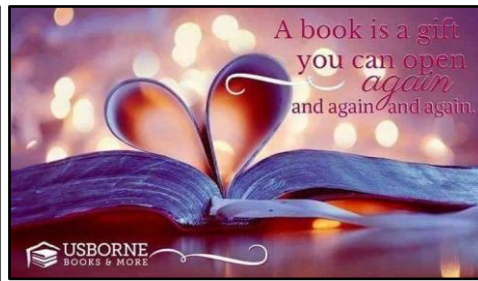
We proudly carry on Cory's "Live to Give" legacy while we filled 2016 with memories, honored old traditions and created new ones. He is with us in spirit, always.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of our community. Your generosity allowed us to contribute more than \$9,000.00 to local organizations and establish a scholarship in Cory's honor.

There is so much we have in the works for 2017. Our dedicated volunteers are always looking for more ways to get involved and make a difference within our community!

We celebrate the final Edition of 2016 by looking forward to some exciting changes coming for 2017! Visit our website for updates and event information and "Like" us on Facebook!

See you in 2017, Peeps!



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22nd, 2017

Painting with a Twist in East Longmeadow
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
*Limited seating
(Call 413-224-0064 for information and reservations)



April 21st, 2017

2nd Annual "Live To Give" Gala at The Log Cabin Holyoke, MA

Visit our website for more information, registration, and regular updates!

www.cjgfoundation.com



What's your reason this season?

(November-December) (Edition 6)

“LIVE TO GIVE” INSPIRING STORY - JASON DIMITROPOLIS



Hashtag Positivity started as a fun project with a neat logo and a bunch of stickers. With everything going on in the world these days (#mylifematters, negativity, violence, blah blah blah) we wanted to try and spread what we think is most important...positivity. It doesn't take much to brighten someones day, so we decided to start our movement by sprinkling small acts of kindness throughout the community. Someone would order a drink at the local coffee shop, only to find that it had already been payed for. They would also get a Hashtag Positivity decal to take with them and stick wherever they'd like. These turned out to be great conversation starters and, almost immediately, other people started paying it forward. Mission accomplished! Well, at least a good start. We then began producing shirts and hats adorned with our logo so that people could wear their positivity proudly and help spread the word even more. The feedback we got on the apparel was amazing! Our friends, families, and everyone who got their eyes on our stuff had only great things to say about it. People were embracing the positivity in ways we hadn't imagined. That's when we realized that we might be onto something bigger than we had planned.

We decided that the best way to spread positivity moving forward was by giving back. We came up with special variations of our logo that would each be tied to a different cause. The overlying message of positivity remains, but we now have designs that support the troops, anti-bullying, the fight against cancer, first responders, autism awareness, equality, and men's health, with more causes and designs being added regularly. Twenty percent of every purchase made goes directly to charities supporting each designs cause. This is the path that we'll continue to follow, with the hope that our message resonates with people and inspires them to make a positive impact on the world.

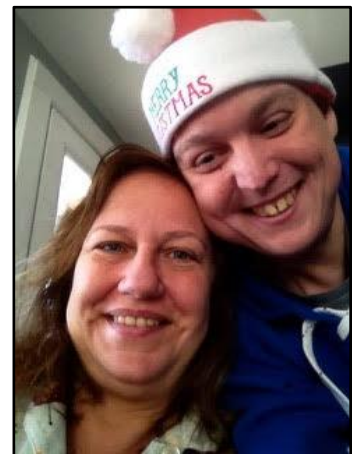
When we first heard about Cory, and the phrase "Live To Give", it struck an immediate chord with us. Giving back is such an important part of what Hashtag Positivity has evolved into. Hearing the stories about Cory, we couldn't help but become even more ambitious about making a difference. For someone to overcome the odds that Cory did, and still be smiling constantly, is incredible. What's more is that he devoted the precious time he had to his "Live To Give" motto. Words cannot describe how inspiring his story is to us. If the world was blessed with more people like Cory, we have no doubt that positivity would spread endlessly. Hashtag Positivity is proud to support the Cory J. Garwacki Foundation because of Cory's ever-positive attitude and "Live To Give" outlook on life. Thank you for letting us be a part of Cory's legacy.

Check out Hashtag Positivity's website at <https://www.hashtagpositivity.org>. Or find them on Facebook!



"Cory loved Christmas so much. Not because of great holiday music, or the gifts, or the constant cooking going on in our kitchen, (Okay, well maybe he did love that!) but, mostly because of the flow of family and friends through the house, that was what he loved the most. Every year Cory would put on his Santa hat and a big smile and his joy and happiness was spread to anyone and everyone he saw.

He understood what the spirit of Christmas was all about and he made you believe too". - Foundation President, Cory's Mom, Elizabeth Garwacki



**From our family to yours,
Happy Holidays!**



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Team Cory is a group of volunteers dedicated to representing the Cory J Garwacki Foundation during all phases of our fundraising events. They truly exhibit the "Live to Give" mantra that this foundation is built on. For information on how to become involved with Team Cory please contact us!

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