



Dear Westmont Community:

I knew that I wanted to establish a scholarship in memory of my late husband, Jason K. Jacobs, who died on September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center. It needed to have purpose and significance to Jason and the life he led. The big question was what type of scholarship would be most appropriate. After long thought and consideration, I decided to establish two scholarships; one at the Hebrew Academy of Morris County and the second at Westmont Montessori School, also in Morris County. Both schools represent what was important to him.

The Westmont Montessori School: Jason often spoke of his experience as a young child at a Montessori school. Whenever we drove by any Montessori school, he would point at it and say, "There's a Montessori school, that's where our children are going to go". Although I was not completely sold on Montessori, on September 6, 2001, I requested information on Westmont's Toddler program. It arrived on September 12th. Over the past two years that Zoe has been a student at Westmont, I have seen her flourish and gain great many skills; not only through her increasing intellectual development, but in her self-concept, esteem and social awareness. I appreciate the nurturing environment given to her. As time passes, I begin to feel more connected once again to life and I do believe that Zoe's experience at Westmont has been a contributing factor. As I think about it, Jason had the right idea; because he just knew.

As I have looked into various educational scholarships, I noticed that there really isn't any financial assistance for pre-school. Maybe this is because it is not considered mandatory education. However, as an educator myself, I believe the pre-school experience does have a positive effect on children and their academic success. As Jason was in the beginning stages of child rearing, I feel that it is only right to create a way for other young children to have the experience at these two schools who would not ordinarily be able to attend. If some good can come out of tragedy, then this can only be right.

Many thanks,
Jennifer and  E
Jacobs



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