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## THANK YOU!

On behalf of [AboutKidsHealth](#), SickKids, SickKids Foundation and the Chelsea Hotel, we want to thank each of you for your participation in the Chelsea Charity Golf Classic and your tremendous support of child health.

We thought it would be a nice touch to include Jayden's speech for you to share with your team members.

### Jayden - SickKids Patient Ambassador

Hi, I'm Jayden and I'm a Sick Kids kid. Thank you for inviting me to tell my story today.

When I was 3 years old, I became very sick and my family brought me to Sick Kids to get the help I needed to save my life. At first, I started walking funny. Nothing hurt but for some reason, I did not know how to walk. I was sent to Sick Kids when my doctor thought I had a brain tumor. Luckily, tests showed that I did not have a brain tumor but I kept getting worse.

Next, I started acting funny. One minute, I was happy, the next I was screaming as if someone was trying to hurt me. I would go to sleep for 10 minutes then wake up screaming and rolling all over the bed. I was seeing things but I couldn't tell my parents what was happening.

After one month, everything kept getting worse. I stopped walking, talking, eating and sleeping. I just laid in bed staring into space. My body was twitching and I was drooling all the time because I forgot how to swallow.

None of the doctors could figure out what was happening to me. They kept doing different tests but all they could say was that something was happening with my brain that was making me very sick.

Then one day, my awesome hero walked into the room and told my family that she thought she knew what was happening to me. Doctor Benseler thought that my symptoms looked like something she had heard about from another doctor in the United States. She sent him some of my spinal fluid and in a few days, the doctors knew what was making me so sick.

I had a new disease called anti NMDAR Encephalitis. My body was attacking my brain. Now that the doctors knew what was making me sick, they could give me medicine so I would get better. It took a long time for me to get better. I had to learn how to do everything all over again – sitting up, walking, talking and eating.

Everything came back slowly. It was like I would suddenly remember how to do some things again. My parents spent months trying to get me to eat baby food with no luck. Then one day I walked up to the table, picked up a chip, dipped in in salsa and started eating again. It was 2 years before I was really myself again. Now I'm in grade 4 and thanks to Sick Kids, I have a new life.

Thank you so much for supporting Sick Kids. They made a big difference for me and many other kids.



The Chelsea Hotel is delighted with the partnership with SickKids. We would like to thank you for your valuable contribution to this year's event, in which we raised

# \$100,000!

Mark your calendars! 15th Annual Chelsea Charity Golf Classic will take place on  
Wednesday, September 7, 2016.