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## LIFE FLIPPED UPSIDE DOWN

Just over four years ago I was pregnant with our daughter, Lorelei. God had a crazy plot twist in store for us. An unexpected, scary, out-of-my-control plot twist. At 32 weeks pregnant I was admitted to the hospital. At 33 weeks Lorelei was born via emergency c-section. Three weeks later we found out that we weren't simply premie parents, we were rare disease parents.

My husband and I sat in a quiet conference room in the CHKD NICU and were told that Lorelei was possibly the 31<sup>st</sup> case of FBXL4 Mitochondrial Disease. I thought they meant in that hospital. Imagine my shock when they explained they were referring to the entire world. We were told, of the

## a note from EDMARC



Spring. Flowers and trees budding. Easter basket deliveries. Edmarc Spring Fling. Never did we expect our entry to the spring season to be what it was. No one did. Just a few weeks earlier we were busy prepping for Easter basket deliveries and a Spring Fling that was sadly canceled.

Our world has rapidly changed in ways we never imagined possible. Each day brings new information difficult to comprehend. We are responding to each new development with the primary focus of continuing to deliver services to our children and families who have the highest medical priority in the safest way possible.

Edmarc's foundation has been donor and volunteer support. Whether direct financial support, in-kind gifts or services or the thousands of volunteer hours logged each year, your giving nature helps us help children battling a life-threatening illness stay at home. Because of you, the Edmarc team can help the entire family shoulder this burden as well as help grieving families whose children have lost their battles.

When crisis came this spring, you were there for us. Donors kept giving. Volunteers called to check on us even though we had to suspend volunteer activity. People dropped off vital cleaning supplies at our doorstep (even though we suspended almost all in-kind donations) so staff could deliver to families. Your kindness and support, during this uncertain time, has meant the world to us.

One thing remains: this season will pass and Edmarc will still be here for our families for the long haul. We'll join and celebrate more milestones in the coming weeks and months. And when we do – we'll need you more than ever. In the meantime, we'll be thinking of you and your loved ones. You've been there for us, and because of YOU, we can help those we serve. We hope you all remain healthy and safe.

My warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debbie'.

**Debbie Stitzer-Brame**

Executive Director, Edmarc

documented cases, **most of the children only lived 2-5 years**, most could not walk, most could not talk. It was explained that Lorelei had this disease because my husband and I both have a rare recessive gene. It is a 25% chance that any children we have will have Mitochondrial Disease.

**In that one conversation, our lives were flipped upside down as a new chapter began to unfold.**

A couple months later we were about to be discharged from the NICU. Terrified, first time parents, with a dark prognosis hanging over us. Our team of doctors set us up with Edmarc. As a Hampton Roads local, I immediately thought *"Hospice?! She wasn't even three months old?! My kid is going to prove them wrong. We don't need hospice!"* But they assured us that Edmarc is so much more than hospice. We were told that in addition to being children's hospice, they offer support for families who are navigating unexpected, complex diseases.

**Edmarc nurses and our social worker were available the day we left the hospital to make sure we got settled comfortably at home.** And they have been with us on this roller coaster ever since.

**In 2018 we found out we were pregnant with our second child.** Edmarc swooped right in and said, no matter what, no matter the situation, we are here to support you through this transition of one child to two. **When we received news that our son, Benjamin, also had Mitochondrial Disease, Edmarc was there.** I was enrolled as a perinatal patient, and our social worker,





Abbey, was with me as we navigated this rare disease prior to Benji's birth. She attended appointments with me, assisted us in birth planning and processing the unknown, connected us with the hospital I would be delivering at, as well as with key players at the CHKD NICU where Benji would be taken immediately after birth. Unaware of how Mitochondrial Disease would present with Benji, we planned for the worst-case scenario and prayed for the best.

**We now have two, medically complex, adorable children with a major, life threatening disease.** Edmarc pops in weekly, or as needed, to check in and love on the kids. **Their goal is to help keep us out of the hospital.** They have done lab work, flu tests, and assessments at home. The Edmarc nurses are always available via phone, even in the middle of the night when something doesn't seem quite right.

Lorelei has crashed a couple times in her life, but January 2018 was our big scare. I had a work trip in Orlando, so we decided to take Lorelei along, to check Disney World off her bucket list. On the last day of my conference, something wasn't right with Lorelei. She wasn't herself; breathing heavily and lethargic. So I called Edmarc and asked them to help me troubleshoot my child. At the end of our conversation, Laurie suggested, just be safe and take her to the nearest children's hospital. So I did. Our team at home called ahead to the hospital, and upon arrival, we learned Lorelei had the flu. Which we knew could be fatal for her.

We spent 18 days in the ICU. Lorelei was on life support for 8 of those days. **Edmarc, even though 12 hours away, called us daily, talked to the Orlando hospital social workers, and made sure we were as okay as we could be.** They explained things to us that we didn't understand. They gracefully and lovingly walked us through the tough, life or death, conversations that no parent ever wants to have.

Lorelei survived the flu and we made it home. Edmarc was at our house the morning after we got home. A couple days later, Teresa escorted us to the hospital when Lorelei began having serious medication withdrawals. She stayed with us in the hospital most of



the day until Lorelei was more stable and Mommy was less panicked.

**The plan God has for my children and my family is a crazy one, full of ups and downs, but so, so much love.** We have been blown away with the support we have received from our family, friends, our church, but especially Edmarc. In addition to their medical support, Edmarc provides emotional support and reminds us that everything doesn't have to be medical. Memories and experiences are important too.

**The annual Santa Run is one of our favorite traditions.**

With two kids who have poor immune systems, seeing Santa at the mall is not an option. Edmarc, along with firemen, carolers, a photographer and a slew of other people, bring Santa and Mrs. Claus (on a fire truck) with presents to our home. They bring us meals around the holidays. They stock our freezer with food for our tough weeks. They have volunteers willing to help for so many things like pressure washing our fence and helping with our yard when it got out of hand.

Given the choice, I would have never picked Mitochondrial Disease as my family's plot twist. I'm not sure how the rest of our story will play out or what the next chapter will hold. **We continue to have hope, look up and trust God. He has sent an amazing tribe and we are blessed beyond belief that God chose Edmarc to be part of Lorelei and Benji's army.**

With hope and love, Lorelei & Benji's Mommy,  
Susan Geoghegan



## A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

On November 6, 2019 Edmarc staff and families came together to honor and remember the lives of the children who have died while in our program. The Day of Remembrance provides an opportunity for our families and staff to come together and reminisce through stories, tears, and laughter. While music played gently throughout the evening, we remembered those dear to us through a slide show of pictures followed by the lighting of candles in remembrance of each child. These candles serve as a representation of their everlasting light that continues to shine in each of us whom these children's lives have touched. We are grateful to the Women's Club of Portsmouth, The Chisholm House Fund, Rocket Media, Steven Spencer, Pat Mallon, Anne Kesner, and Clare Gellene for their generous support in making this evening such a special event for our Edmarc families.

## HOLIDAY PARTY

Jingle bells rocked and sleigh bells rang at our Holiday Party! For the second year in a row, *Titan Contractors* sponsored this festive family event. Santa Claus and the Missus celebrated with us by handing out presents and taking pictures with families. Children decorated stockings, played festive games, and enjoyed the evening with family and friends. Students from Deep Creek High School as well as members of Portsmouth Service League came out to volunteer and make sure fun was had by all. It was certainly a joyful night, and we are so thankful who made the evening possible.







## SANTA RUN

Imagine being a child, anxiously waiting for the big day of gift giving and celebrating to arrive when around the corner from your home you start to hear sirens wailing and horns blaring followed by the flashing of lights. Then imagine looking out and seeing a man with a white beard and a red suit sitting in the front seat of a fire engine, waving as they drive towards your house. The fire engine stops at your front door and out jumps Santa himself with a giant bag full of gifts followed by Mrs. Claus, caroling elves, and fire and police personnel.

**This is the magical day that Edmarc kids and families look forward to every year.** And it's made possible thanks to a community which certainly gets into the spirit of the season. Individuals and organizations adopt families and shop for all the gifts on their lists

and deliver the presents to Edmarc. Volunteers then spend time sorting and wrapping the gifts which are bagged into handmade Santa Bags. Once organized into different routes, fire and police stations from cities around Hampton Roads pick up the gifts and get ready for a day of caroling, delivering, and joy-making. Santa is able to personally visit numerous families and ensure that their holiday is the best it could possibly be, filling it with whatever hope and joy he can.

**This is a day where some of the most magical memories are made. And we are so thankful to each and every person who helps to make it happen.**





with love,  
we remember

### **ROMEO R. (10/4/19-10/6/19)**

Romeo was a sweet and tough little boy who was a truly a fighter. The time he shared with his family was brief, but his impact was great. He will be remembered warmly and treasured forever by his parents, Brianna and Daquan; his big sister, Brielle; as well as countless friends and family.

### **WILLIAM S. (10/13/19)**

William was a precious baby boy that blessed the lives of his parents as well as the rest of us. Though his time here was far too short, he is deeply loved and missed by his parents, Cheryl & Willie, siblings, Xynovia, Italia, Cheyenne, & Joshua, and numerous family and friends.

### **GRACE G. (10/17/19)**

Grace was a beautiful baby girl who was loved and cherished by her family even before she was born. She will be lovingly remembered and tenderly missed by her parents, Lisa and John; her big brother and sister, John and Caroline; as well as a number of family and friends who love her.

### **JAMIE B. (10/18/19-10/22/19)**

Jamie was adored by everyone who met her. She was precious and sweet, and especially loved being held by mom and when her dad read "The Velveteen Rabbit" to her. She will be dearly missed and forever remembered by her mom and dad, Ariel and Quinton; as well as her big brother, Wade; and many friends and family.

### **JAYON T. (7/16/07-10/31/19)**

Jayon, a handsome and special young man, brightened the lives of his family, friends, and everyone else who knew him. He loved to watch cartoons, and was especially loved by his sweet dog, Georgia. His memory will always be cherished by his parents, Tasha and Ricky, who loved him wholly; his brother JaQuon; as well as many other family members and friends who he touched throughout the years.

### **A'MAZIN-GRACEN E. (12/10/17-11/19/19)**

A'mazin was a rambunctious, cheerful, and sassy little boy who never let the fact that he was battling cancer affect his ability to have fun. He especially loved anything Elmo-related, and loved playing with his brothers and sisters. He will be forever remembered and loved by his parents, Christina and Jazz; as well as his siblings, Bryan, J-via, Averie, Juan, Tru-Blesyn, Justice, and Jacorri; and countless friends and family who were lucky enough to know him.

### **DANIEL S. (8/13/18-12/1/19)**

Daniel was an incredible little boy who possessed so much strength during his fight. He will hold a special place in the hearts of many. Though his time here was far too short, he was adored by all who had the privilege to meet him. Daniel will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by his parents, Cassandra & Daniel, and countless other family and friends.

### **TRUETH W. (12/4/19)**

Trueth was a beautiful baby girl who touched so many hearts in her short time here on earth. Little Trueth was deeply loved and adored by her family. Left to cherish her sweet memory are her parents, Shanayiah & Torez, big brother, Torez, Jr., and numerous family and friends.



### **ISAIAH JOBE R. (12/10/19)**

Isaiah was a very special baby boy who touched the lives of all those around him. Though Isaiah's time here was far too short, he was loved immensely by his family. Left to cherish his sweet memory are his devoted mother, Melissa, father, Luis, and numerous family and friends.

### **SKYLAR S. (12/15/02-12/24/19)**

Skylar was a special young lady who touched the lives of countless with her beautiful smile and infectious laugh. She astounded her loved ones with her gentle nature, as well as her strength and courage. She loved to listen to music and feel the breeze on her face. She will be forever loved and remembered by her mom, Anita; her sister, Ariana; as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles, and countless other friends and family.

### **TITAN B. (8/6/19-12/26/19)**

Titan was an amazing baby boy who touched the lives of many. Titan taught all those around him so much, without ever saying a word. He was adored by all who had the privilege to meet him. Titan is lovingly remembered by his devoted parents, Michelle and Stephen, big brother, Kylo, and numerous other family and friends.

### **ELLIE P. (2/4/20)**

Sweet little Ellie's life, though far too brief, was full of love. She was born with a FULL head of hair, and truly changed the lives of everyone who was privileged enough to meet her. She will be forever remembered and loved by her mom and dad, Jennifer and Norm; her big brother, Roberto; as well as many other friends and family.

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## FALL FEST

It was a fun and exciting night at our annual Fall Festival! Kids and their families arrived at the Woman's Club in Portsmouth dressed in their best and most creative costumes as volunteers welcomed them into a room full of games, food, prizes, and of course, a ton of candy. A band of pirate nurses sailed in, and a giant hot dog played games with all the kiddos. The highlight of the night, however, was when a Knight appeared to bestow a great honor on our families. In a traditional ceremony, the Knights Templar presented Edmarc kids and their families with Medals of Courage. These brave little souls lined up and, one by one, were awarded this special honor. Many of the children proudly wore their medals for the rest of the evening, excited not only to meet a real knight but to be honored by one as well.

We want to extend a special thanks to Repp Lambert and his team with Northwestern Mutual for sponsoring the event, the Portsmouth Service League for volunteering for the event, and the Knights Templar for making it so memorable.





# HOPE GALA

Edmarc's annual Hope Gala at the Wyndham on the Virginia Beach Oceanfront on November 16<sup>th</sup> where our friends gathered to celebrate and support the work that Edmarc does. A big thank you to all our sponsors and the individuals that made this event such a success.

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## 25 YEARS STRONG

**The Noblemen** formed 25 years ago to help kids and their families throughout Hampton Roads. The very first year they did a Santa Run for Edmarc families ... and they've continued the tradition every year since. We are so grateful to this group for generously bringing glad tidings, presents, caroling and food to our families year after year in such a special way. Thank you, Noblemen!



## SPECIAL DELIVERY

When it comes to the holidays, sitting down to a family feast can be one of the most meaningful times during the season. In both November and December, Edmarc ensures our families are given the best possible chance to do this. Thanks to sponsors within the Hampton Roads community and volunteers lending their time, over 80 families received holiday meals delivered to their door. These baskets were

filled with everything to make a complete meal from the turkey and ham to the side dishes to dessert. With our families not having to think about shopping for this involved meal, they are able to focus more on just enjoying the holiday and loving on their family. We could not be more grateful to operate in a community that is incredibly giving and focused on making the holidays bright for everyone.





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Friends and families gathered at Edmarc on October 17<sup>th</sup> for a special unveiling of our renovated garden that provides a place of refuge and remembrance for so many. New landscaping with seasonal plants, a water feature, and a new memorial for children in our program who have gone before us and lost their battles. The night was met with friends and families of past patients, board members, staff, and loved ones of a very special volunteer who lost her own battle last year. The garden renovation was made possible by an anonymous gift given in memory of our dear friend and volunteer, Pat Orgain. We were happy to have so many of her friends and family with us for the special occasion.



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 The Christopher S Gower Celebration of Life Foundation  
 The Galt Corporation  
 The John Quadrino Foundation

The Knights Templar, SMOTJ  
 Monitor & Merrimack Priory  
 The Paneling Factory  
 The Treasure Shop  
 The Woman's Club of Smithfield  
 Thistle Foundation Trust  
 Thomas Nelson Community College  
 Thompson Law Group, PLLC  
 Tidal Waves Square and Round Dance Club  
 Tidewater Caulking & Waterproofing, LLC  
 Tidewater VA Chapter of the CPCU  
 Titan Contractors, Inc.  
 Trinity Episcopal Church  
 Trinity United Methodist Women  
 Truist, Inc  
 United Auto Wholesalers  
 United Way of Central Maryland  
 United Way of Greater Atlanta, Inc.  
 United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey  
 United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg

United Way of Greater Rochester  
 United Way of South Hampton Roads  
 United Way of the Virginia Peninsula  
 VBCU - Mermaid Circle  
 Veterans United Foundation  
 Virginia Baptist Foundation  
 Virginia Beach Shag Club  
 Virginia Glass and Mirror Inc.  
 Warden Family Foundation  
 Wards Corner Lions Club  
 Westbrook Bookkeeping & Tax Service  
 Wilbanks Smith & Thomas Asset Management, LLC  
 Windsor Christian Church  
 YourCause, LLC.  
 Youth Foundation of Virginia Beach, Inc.

## Volunteer Spotlight: **FABULOUS FRAN**

Enough words could never be said about Fran Taylor, a longtime supporter and “frantastic” volunteer. This punky jack-of-all-trades lady shows up weekly to help Edmarc with whatever we may need from organizing our toy room to cleaning out freezers or even building shelves with her jigsaw. When we were able to renovate the tribute garden, Fran took it on as a personal project and helped place every child's plaque with care and precision. She takes to heart the mission of Edmarc and works as though all our families were her own. We are so thankful for Fran and are glad she is a part of the Edmarc family.



## Thank you ...

*Thank you to the many, many individuals, businesses and organizations who make the work Edmarc does possible and bring joy to our families across Hampton Roads by donating back-to-school supplies, items our families need, silent auction items for the golf tournament, food, tickets to special events, professional services and more! September 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020*

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Paula V Agate  
Aleworks Brewing Company  
Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority -  
Sigma Chapter  
Kevin and Mary Kate Andris  
Angel Quilters  
Vanessa Arnette  
Keisha Arnold  
Sue Ary  
The Asuncion Family  
Bill and Cathy Bailey  
Battlefield Golf Course  
Beach Eye Care  
Butch Beckman  
Becky Brewer & Carol Ward  
Jessica Bedenbaugh  
Amanda Behrends  
Beta Xi Sorority  
Big Ugly Brewing  
Billsburg Brewery  
Blaise & Brianna Maceachern  
Timothy and Debbie Bloomer  
Bob Harper Photography  
Shay Bocks  
Alisha Boughtn  
Brick Anchor Brew House  
Phil & Kelly Brown  
Brutti's Catering  
Kristan Burch  
Alice Butler  
Barbara Byrd  
Danielle Byrne  
Cake Decorators of  
Tidewater  
Lindsey A. Carney  
Tyler Caskill  
Chick-fil-A Portsmouth  
Chuck and Kathey Mulkey  
Nancy Cisco  
Clara LK Bailey Youth  
Department

Coastal Virginia Disc  
Golf Club  
Gretchen Cole  
Cara Cotter  
Jesse Cox  
Troy and Sandra Cox  
Dorothy Critzer  
Kent & Nancy Daughtrey  
Jerry & Dona Didio  
Karen Divita  
Shannon Duke  
Mark Edge  
Elf Patrol, Inc.  
Susan Ellebracht  
Jeannie Escobar  
Anne Evans  
Event Central  
Cody Everett  
Robin & Jeff Falk  
Chase Farrell  
William Faust  
Jenina Fitzgerald  
Caitlin Fleming  
Cheri Franklin  
Franklin-Southampton Area  
United Way  
Garden Bros. Circus  
Patrick Garvey  
Nicholas and Debra George  
Girl Scout Troop 152  
Lizzy Goldstein  
Green Meadow Point  
Garden Club  
Linda S Hanes  
Victoria Hecht  
Joe and Dorma Hedrick  
Jay and Karen Hibbard  
Mrs. Chuck Higgins  
Patricia Higgins  
Tom and Ann Huff  
Donald and Pauline Hundley  
Stephanie Hunter  
Indian Creek Productions

Cindy Inman  
Joan Jamgochian  
Kristen Jelley  
Marie Justice  
Debbie Kalriess  
Kempsville Lions Club Inc.  
Kiwanis Club of Churchland  
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Pat Mallon  
Jess Masciangeno  
Massimo Zanetti  
Beverage USA  
Sherry Matthews  
Melissa Mayfield  
Carol McCutcheon  
Randy and Jackie Menefee  
Nick Millar  
Michelle Miller  
Kelly Moran  
Leila Mufdi  
Nansemond Suffolk  
Academy  
Nauticus  
Naval Medical Center  
Portsmouth  
New Creation Methodist  
Church  
Fran and Ken Newman  
Oceanview Golf Course  
Jill Oelke  
Cynthia Pabon  
Autumn Palmateer  
Jeanne Parsons  
Tammy Perry  
Curtis Peters  
Amanda Phillips  
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Christine Piersall  
Pilot Club of Portsmouth Inc.  
Pinot's Palette  
Laurel Ramey  
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Ann Rivenbark  
Riverfront Golf Club  
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Sheraton Waterside  
Michael Sierra  
Sleepy Hole Golf Course  
Brenda Smith  
Jennifer L Smith  
Nedra Smith  
Somerton Meeting Religious  
Friends Missions  
Jennifer Steele  
Jim & Becky Stewart  
Kimberly Stone  
Rosalee Styron  
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Piper Sutton  
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Fran Taylor  
Carla Theisz  
David Thompson  
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Joan Thweatt  
Rose Thweatt  
Mike & Johanna Toth  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Charles and Mary Ellen  
Triplett  
Twisted Pig  
William and Julie  
Tyree-Hermann  
Johnny and Kathy Villanueva  
Ira and Liz Visalden  
Melissa Vocke  
Christina Waters  
Jamie Welch  
WFLO Radio Station  
Cece Wheeler  
Joshua and Stephanie  
Wheeler  
Williams Sonoma  
Williamsburg Winery  
Women's Club of Smithfield  
Craig & Joyce Wool  
Jim and Joan Wool  
Steven and Regina Wright  
Stacy Zepp



## Welcome Jennifer Webb



Jennifer Webb comes to Edmarc with a variety of nursing background. This is Jennifer's 30th year in nursing and she has done many different facets of Nursing from PICU to School nurse to Adult hospice. It has been her career goal to work for Edmarc and

feels extremely grateful for the opportunity. Jennifer lives in Smithfield, VA with her husband, Steve. They have a son who just got married this past summer and a daughter who is a sophomore at Shenandoah University studying Religion and Social Work. She is an active member of Main Street United Methodist Church in Suffolk. Jennifer feels that if she could have handpicked a job for herself, it would be right here at Edmarc. She looks forward to working with such a warm and welcoming staff and hopes to finish out her career doing a job that encompasses everything she has ever wanted from her Nursing career.

## Welcome Lori Clark



Lori Clark is very excited to become a part of the Edmarc family as an addition to the nursing staff. She has been a nurse for over 20 years with a focus on the pediatric and neonatal population. Lori is a military spouse and has worked in children's

hospitals in several states, including Virginia. One of her favorite parts of nursing is the relationship she develops with her patients and their families. She is very grateful for the opportunity to continue her career with Edmarc. Lori and her husband have two teenage girls who keep them on their toes. In her spare time, Lori loves baths, reading, family time and chasing after their Belgian Malinois. Lori is extremely curious about everything and loves to learn new things, both in nursing and in life. Lori loves puns, so please alert your tweens and teens!

## Congratulations and welcome...

Edmarc is happy to announce the births of:

- **Louis** born 7/10/19 to Abbey and David
- **Malachi Andrew** born 9/17/19 to Alexis and Javar
- **Austin and AnnaKat** born 10/18/19 to Kristen and Corey
- **Kian** born 11/4/19 to Rose and Cyrus
- **Elom Javier** born 11/12/19 to Bekah and Chris
- **Genevieve** born 12/23/19 to Melissa and John

- **Debbie Stitzer-Brame** for 20 years as Executive Director



## Happy Goodbyes

We at Edmarc rejoice that Hanen M., Jimmy J., Armani F., Awuradwoa D., Jared W., Jackson D., David J., Rose G., Lindsay R., Kharri E., Julian C., Roy S., Jeremy C., Zailynn V., and Julia W., are doing well and currently not in need of our services.



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