

Mike and Jenna Wallace

The Jackson Project



Mike and Jenna's son, Jackson (4/18/13 - 7/4/16) was affected by Krabbe Disease.

Jackson was a thriving healthy baby boy for the first 5 months of his life. At 5 months old, Jackson contracted back-to-back respiratory infections at daycare, which seemed to coincide with the onset of symptoms. He had been

diagnosed with a dairy allergy, bronchiolitis, and croup. Jackson reached a point where he was crying inconsolably 14+ hours a day, so the Wallaces knew something wasn't right.

Jackson was diagnosed with Krabbe disease at 6.5 months of age. Since his diagnosis, Mike and Jenna have striven to live life to the fullest. In their journey over the last five years, they have experienced the most challenging, painful, joyous, and rewarding years of their lives. Jackson is their inspiration and they enjoyed life to the fullest with him every single day.

The Wallaces also established a non-profit in Jackson's honor called The Jackson Project. They have many aims as a foundation in spreading awareness about leukodystrophy and the benefits of expanded NBS as well as helping fund research for a cure, but they have found our greatest impact in helping aid other families affected by leukodystrophy with various financial needs they may need help meeting.

The Wallaces feel that Jackson was called to help other children, and want to serve as his voice in doing so. They say that partnering with a strong foundation and other passionate families is a great opportunity to maximize his impact. Additionally, they want to be a part of a change that allows affected families to get access to resources to help their children right away post-diagnosis.

Mike has a degree in Finance and Economics and experience in Mutual Fund Accounting and Operations. Jenna is currently staying home with Jackson's little brother and sister, Reed and Skylar. They reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

Their hope is that every affected family has access to convenient and affordable care from experts in their condition. And, that over time, there will be hubs across the country that specialize in caring for leukodystrophy so that affected families can have top notch resources locally, that treatments improve and ultimately we find a cure!