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Through their generosity and hearts for children with special needs, Jim and Miriam Jensen directly make serving more families at Jill's House possible.

Jim and Miriam Jensen recently answered the call to serve more children by funding Jill's House's transportation needs. Because of the Jensens' generosity and kind hearts, hundreds more families experience the renewal, hope and joy overnight respite brings.

The Jensens know the power of giving back, especially to children with special needs. We are blessed to have them part of the Jill's House family.

We recently caught up with Jim and asked "Why do you give?"

been around individuals with special needs my whole life, the desire to be a part of Jill's House and its ministry was very strong.

"My wife and I first heard about Jill's House while attending McLean Bible Church back when they were having the drive to raise money to fund the construction. Having had family members with special needs and having

"There are a lot of charities and organizations that one can contribute to but my wife and I have chosen to focus on ones that are specifically for individuals with special needs. We choose to focus on programs that help those who cannot help themselves. Raising a family is difficult enough as it is. But then to have the pressures and full-time needs associated with raising an individual with intellectual disabilities increases the complexity by an order of magnitude. In many cases the family is struggling just to get by and may not have the resources necessary to provide for the special needs of their child. Jill's House fulfills those needs and has gone above and beyond what most children with special needs have access to.

"Caring for a child with special needs is a full-time, 24 x 7 job with no break. Parents can't simply call a babysitter to come over and watch their child. Being able to confidently place your child in the care of people who specialize in the care of children with special needs allows those families to slow down and breathe and alleviates some of the self-imposed guilt they may feel for needing a break. They know their child is going to have an experience that's beyond anything they can provide at home.



"So many children with special needs are trapped in a body that won't operate the way they want and, as a result, they don't get to experience many of the things other children do. The fact that Jill's House provides an environment for them to experience all of those things they don't normally get to experience is priceless.

Thanks to the funding of a new bus by the Jensens, more children can be served after school and at other Jill's House locations.

"We recently funded a Jill's House bus because, quite simply, you can have the greatest facility in the world but if there's no way to get the children there it does absolutely no good. Providing reliable, safe and secure transportation allows children who may not otherwise be able to attend Jill's House to get there. And parents know that their children are being transported safely and securely by knowledgeable caregivers, alleviating a tremendous amount of stress and concern.

"God has richly blessed us and as such it's our pleasure to be able to give a portion back to such a worthwhile ministry as Jill's House. Mark 9:36-37 reinforces this so well: 'He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." ' ' "

We are so grateful to friends like Jim and Miriam. To learn more about supporting the families Jill's House serves, visit jillshouse.org or [give online](#).

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