Celebrating Typical Siblings
A special night at Jill's House for brothers and sisters of special children.

Typical siblings of children with special needs can experience isolation, added stress, and less time with their parents.

Typical siblings gathered for a night of fun, music and meeting new friends at Jill's House.

On Sunday, March 23, Jill's House celebrated many of the brothers and sisters of the children we serve with a pizza party, and time to explore Jill's House.

While the children enjoyed the moon bounce, music room, and arts and crafts, we treated their parents to a dinner and presentation by Wanda Vander Nat, a school psychologist and friend of Jill's House.

While the children played, parents learned about the unique needs of typical children.

Wanda shared a presentation titled "The Care and Nurture of Typical Siblings" which detailed the special challenges typical siblings of children with special needs face.

The mother of one of the children we serve posted this on her blog:

> *"This weekend Jill's House went the extra nurturing mile by tending to another weight on my heart -- the experience of my other children in this journey. I worry about their needs and their emotions, particularly jealousy. Jill's House answered that need by having a party just for them -- Bridger was not invited! They invited them into Jill's House for a fun pizza dinner and to play in all of the fun areas the same way that they imagine that their brother probably does. All the while Alan and I were treated to a delicious catered dinner and a presentation from a counselor about the blessings and stressings on special needs siblings."* Read blog.

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