

# Courage Dan Jansen Foundation and Cool Kids Campaign support children with cancer

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Imagine hearing the words, “You have cancer.” Every day there are many people who hear those words. According to the National Cancer Institute, there are approximately eight million Americans alive today with a history of cancer.

It takes courage to face each challenge in life and trust our God. That is what pushed Dan Jansen to reach for the Olympic Gold after the passing of his beautiful sister, Jane, to cancer. You may recall that moment after Dan finally won the Gold at the '94 Olympics. It was quite heartwarming as he skated around the rink with his new born daughter Jane (named after his sister) in his arms.

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After his falls on the ice during the Olympics, Dan had the courage to keep pushing toward his goal to win gold. When I sat down to talk with Dan, I asked him where he found his inspiration during his training for the Lillehammer Olympic Gold in '94. Eric Arthur Heiden was

one he admired, and of course his parents and sister. As Dan stated, “I truly believe the journey is more important than the end result when you set a goal.” This statement could not be more accurate and what led him to form the Dan Jansen Foundation in memory of his sister Jane, in 1995.

One of Dan’s greatest passions in life is being a father, along with fitness, health, and wellness. When I asked him what his greatest accomplishment was in life thus far, somehow I knew the answer already after meeting and speaking with him. Dan replied, “My daughters are my greatest accomplishment so far and getting through challenges in life together as a family.”

The Dan Jansen Foundation partnered with Cool Kids Campaign, a foundation that supports children living with cancer. This year there will be a golf tournament hosted at the Trump National Golf course in Mooresville in support of the Dan Jansen Foundation and Cool Kids Campaign. To learn more about both of these extraordinary causes visit [CoolKidsCampaign.org](http://CoolKidsCampaign.org) and [DJFoundation.org](http://DJFoundation.org). Join the Dan Jansen Celebrity Classic October 15th-17th Visit <http://coolkidscampaign.org/golfdan>. ■



**Dan Jansen Foundation**

**Mission:** Cool Kids Campaign is devoted to improving the quality of life for pediatric oncology patients and their families by focusing on academic, social, and emotional needs brought on by a cancer diagnosis.



*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

*Joshua 1:9*



Matthew Paul Brown with Dan Jansen at his home