

It goes without saying that Mindi, Jack and I are so blessed to have such a supportive community during our darkest moments.

Since that moment we learned of the loss of our beloved son Conner, countless people have come forward with support.

We would love to personally sit down and thank you individually, to reminisce and talk about how Conner impacted our lives, but it is simply not possible with so many of you. Please know that your kind words, your hugs and your small and big gestures are greatly appreciated and we thank you.

There will never be enough words to describe the love and support that has come from this community. This community, vast and overwhelming, went from coast to coast and even overseas. We are amazed at the impact Conner had on so many people, in so many places.

The condolences, cards, food, emails, Facebook postings, hugs and words of love have been a blessing for us. While they do not take away the pain, it is comforting to know that we are not alone.

To all who donated to the GoFundMe page, we wish we could hug each one of you. Many of the donors are known to us; however, there are quite a few that are listed as anonymous and strangers who were told of our loss and wanted to donate. The sheer love and compassion speaks volumes to Conner's life and also about humanity. We can never express enough the thankfulness for relieving this much of a burden off our shoulders during this time.

To those who have sent cards, notes or any other "gifts", we thank you. We will cherish the notes and stories of how Conner was a part of your life. The many dishes and plates of food have been a blessing. Not having to worry about how to feed visitors, having to shop for food for ourselves and the simple acts of love are greatly appreciated.

As we try and move forward in life from this point, we know we are surrounded by a community that loves Conner and us. To our ICS family, our Hayfield family and our TopGolf family, we love you and thank all of you for the support. To the countless others – neighbors, friends of ours from grade school to now, Jack's friends and teammates, and all the people we have never met, we thank you for the love and support you have shown us.

We ask that this love not die and fade away. Do not forget why you have shown love and support. Do not let Conner's passing be in vain. We hope and pray that each and every person has taken to heart the pain and suffering we (Tom, Mindi, Jack) and his family are experiencing. We hope and pray that each and every person will re-evaluate life, using your voice to communicate, cherish each other and listen.

Hold someone, use voices to communicate, and listen to someone's spoken words. Do not wait to learn to communicate until it is too late to teach our children how to communicate by using real words. Life is not about texting and a hashtag. Life is not LOL..SMH..IDK or the countless other emotionless techno rambling that has replaced actual talking. Teach our children how to put the phone down and talk.

We love you and thank you.

Forever in our hearts.

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Tom, Mindi, Jack Worosz