



At Joya we've celebrated getting "back to normal" this past year. We've moved into our new home and are grateful that joy and laughter have returned to our halls.

While Joya's future is bright, COVID continues to impact our little ones whose first years of life often featured masks, quarantining, and minimal social interaction.

Studies show many families missed well-child visits during COVID, increasing the chance of a missed diagnosis or delaying a referral for critical early intervention services. At Joya, we are now seeing a surge of referrals as families resume routine checkups.

Joya's referrals are up 54% since 2020 and the need in our community just keeps growing! We are committed to serving as many kiddos as possible, regardless of their family's ability to pay.

Last fall, through the generosity of donors like you who gave to our annual Hearts of Joya appeal, we were able to raise \$82,000 to support our uncompensated care fund, allowing families to focus on the early intervention therapy their child needs, not on what they can afford. That need is even greater this year.

Please consider making a gift again this year to meet this growing demand. All gifts received up to \$25,000 will be matched, dollar for dollar, thanks to a generous donation to Hearts of Joya.

Thank you for supporting Hearts of Joya! Donations can be made online, at joya.org, by mail or by calling, **509.326.1651**.

"When you receive your child's diagnosis, your world blurs. You realize that, from day one, you can't provide the things that your child needs to meet their full potential. They may need extra help learning how to walk, or to eat, or any number of other basic skills. You feel incredibly overwhelmed and helpless. You feel alone.

You love that baby more than life itself but you don't know what to do next. And that's where Joya comes in.

The relief and the peace of mind that comes from having a community of phenomenal people who specialize in bridging that gap is indescribable. The services they provide are truly exceptional. But beyond that, they care. They care about every child and every family, and they work endlessly to help them succeed. At Joya you are completely enveloped in a loving community. I am eternally grateful that Joya is a part of this chapter of our lives. I am grateful that they are there for us through thick and thin. And I'm grateful that they are helping us thrive."

Connie, mother of Jack