



OAK PARK RIVER FOREST

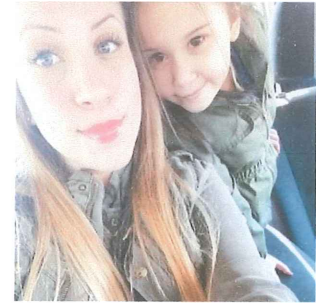
## Infant Welfare Society

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Dear Members and Children's Clinic Staff,

Just one week ago we tragically lost our dear friend and dental assistant, Ida Arvizu in a horrible, sickening act of violence in the Brighton Park neighborhood of Chicago. The tragedy is not confined to Ida's death though as she leaves behind her 7-year-old daughter Jaelyn who she cherished more than anything. Jaelyn's father, Joel was also killed the same night.



Many of you expressed a desire to help Jaelyn and make sure that, despite such a profound loss, that she will still have a chance at a good and happy life. With that goal in mind and true to their mission of helping children in need, the OPRF Infant Welfare Society has established **The Jaelyn Sandoval Fund**. Donations will be tax-deductible and held until a trust is established to benefit Jaelyn's education.

You can see here at a glance that Ida was a beautiful girl (inside and out for those of us who knew her) and that little Jaelyn is the spitting image of her mother. Ida wanted to further her education but as a busy working, single mom was not able to do so. Instead, Ida put her dreams into Jaelyn's future. Dr. Betsy Samore, Children's Clinic dentist recalls Ida leaving the Clinic at seven at night, saying joyfully. *"Time to go home and do homework with Jaelyn!"* This, after a long day at work. She told us that when she gets home, Jaelyn was already busy reading books.



Ida herself was not used to academic accolades, so when Jaelyn's school called her to come in and talk, she worried that Jaelyn was in trouble. However, when Ida arrived at school the principal told her that Jaelyn had won an award and was an honor roll student.

Although Jaelyn came from a Spanish-speaking family, she did not speak Spanish. Her school taught Spanish and so Dee (Children's Clinic dental hygienist) and Ida would write down six new words a night and Ida would go home to teach them to Jaelyn. She is also learning English and Chinese at school - she's on the way to becoming tri-lingual!

Jaelyn loves to play with make-up. Ida cherished her time in the evenings with Jaelyn sometimes after a hard day at the clinic, she would fall asleep – and wake up the next morning with her face fully made up. Jaelyn's favorite color is pink and her favorite subject is art. For Christmas, she always hopes for coloring and art supplies. Jaelyn says she wants to be an artist when she grows up. As everyone at the Children's Clinic all know, Ida was an extrovert and Jaelyn is exactly the same.

Please join us in rallying together to ensure that Jaelyn's immense promise comes to fruition. If you are interested in giving, please make out your check to **OPRF IWS with The Jaelyn Sandoval Fund** written in the memo portion. Mail/Give your check Attention: Peggy LaFleur, IWS Children's Clinic, 320 Lake Street Oak Park, IL 60302. Thank you so very much for considering lending help.

Very Appreciatively,

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