

Jelly Bean Stories



Employee: Bonnie Battite **Position**: Error Specialist

Department: Rating

Submitted on: July 18, 2019

I would like to thank AIM Mutual for allowing me a Jelly Bean Day, which gave me the opportunity to shadow my cousin Lisa, at her place of employment. She runs a woman's shelter for young girls that are pregnant and struggling to stay off drugs.

I took a tour of this amazing home. It has many bedrooms on two separate floors, all single beds with cribs and basinets, a feeding room with a rocker, and the basement has a TV room and a full pantry for their food. Then there is my cousin's special locked room filled with all items she finds for free to give the girls when they need something. The entire house is so very organized.

To fill her special closet, my cousin goes on yard sale websites on the weekends and will find car seats, clothing, hair products, anything young girls can use. She uses these things as an incentive for good behavior or if she feels someone comes in that really doesn't have anything. For example, yesterday, it was a great group where everyone shared stories, so she passed out binky holders she had with Clifford the big red dog on them, the girls were so grateful.

Anyways I could talk about it all day and every day. I loved it, it was awesome, thanks for the opportunity.



Employee: Lauren McMahan **Position**: Claim Representative

Department: Claim

Submitted on: August 20, 2019



I utilized my jelly bean day by visiting Care One Nursing Facility in Wilmington, MA. The director of the facility & staff welcomed me, and my dog Rascal, to come in and visit all of the residents. They had me go around with the dog and spend a little time in rooms where dogs were welcomed. During these stays I made sure the residents were comfortable & happy, whether it was just petting the dog and talking or getting an aide if they needed further assistance. A bonus is that my 93-year-old grandmother (pictured below with me) is a resident at the nursing home and I got to spend time with her, and made her entire day as well as many other residents. They have a beautiful outdoor patio where they had music playing during their

lunch time, and I was able to go outside and help out if the residents needed any drink refills, desserts, etc. One of the residents, Gina, who I have met before also walked around with me for a bit singing Italian music throughout the halls which was a pleasure to hear! On the 2nd floor near where my

grandmother resides there is a common room where they had a movie hour going on, but you could also play games in a separate area so along with an aide we set up a few board/ card games. It was nice to see how much they offer the residents, and great to get to know the other residents better that my grandmother is friendly with. I of course will be back to visit my grandmother soon, but regarding a day visit like this they said Rascal and I are welcomed anytime!



Employee: Cathy McKeever & Brianna Gentile

Position: Claim Supervisor & Claim Technical Assistant

Department: Claim

Submitted on: September 6, 2019



From Cathy: On Thursday September 5th, Brianna Gentile and I were fortunate to volunteer at the kickoff for the Susan G. Koman 3 Day Walk for a Cure at the Revere Hotel in Boston, MA. We greeted both the participants and the crew and directed them to registration and training areas. I have had family members affected by this disease, so I was honored to be a part of this important event. I was overwhelmed by the positive attitude and strong sense of camaraderie among these brave, strong women. We appreciate the opportunity and we hope to participate again next year!

From Brianna: For my Jelly Bean Day, I volunteered at the Susan G Komen 3 Day walk in Boston with my supervisor, Cathy McKeever. My family has been affected by all types of cancer so being able to volunteer was very special to me. We were stationed outside of the Revere Hotel in Boston and acted as the welcome party for everyone checking in, whether they were walkers or other crew members. Participants were coming in from all over the country and it was overwhelming to see how excited they were to be in Boston for this great cause. This was my first time volunteering for the walk and I would be honored to be able to do it again next year!



Employee: Robin D'Eri

Position: Premium Audit Manager

Department: Audi

Submitted on: September 9, 2019



I spent my Jelly Bean day helping out with set up, registration and auditing at the ALS Walk in Portland, ME. Per the ALS Foundation, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is "...a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord." A close friend of ours was diagnosed with ALS in November and he was gone by the following August. The opportunity to help with the amazing people who raise money, walk, and fight this awful disease was humbling and I was grateful for the chance.



Employee: Michelle Napoli

Position: Claim Administrative Assistant

Department: Claim

Submitted on: October 7, 2019



I was fortunate enough to spend my Jelly Bean day volunteering my time by helping Becky McLaughlin, of the Windham Group with sorting out donations for the Pepperell fire victims. On July 30 there was a massive fire in Pepperell, Mass., where several people were displaced from their six-unit apartment building. Sadly, one woman died, and one resident along with four firefighters were sent to the hospital for treatment.

Becky took it upon herself to organize donations for the fire victims, which was a big undertaking. She set up an Amazon Wish

List for anyone who wanted to order some basic kitchen necessities and other items. Every day Amazon would deliver boxes and packages to her home, sometimes several in one day. On my Jelly Bean Day on August 9, we spent our morning opening them all up and sorting the items to place in individual boxes for the victims. We filtered through other "used" donations of usable and non-usable items. Items not suitable for donations had to be brought to the dump; some usable stuff was set aside to be brought to Savers. The furniture donations were stacked in Becky's garage which had to be loaded up and brought to a donated storage unit. We loaded what we could handle onto her husband's truck, went to the storage unit to unload and stack it all. Luckily, the weather was great, and we were able to get so much done in this one day! Volunteering my time was both rewarding AND fulfilling! I hope that all of the fire victims have found new homes and have been able to move on from this terrible event. The outpouring of support from the Pepperell community was so amazing and really showed that there are good people out there who truly care about each other.



Employee: Kelly O'Brien-Plante

Position: Broker Services Coordinator

Department: Marketing **Submitted on**: June 6, 2019



I spent my Jelly Bean day, May 30, 2019, volunteering at E.S. Brown Elementary School in Swansea, MA. On this day I was fortunate enough to chaperone my daughter, Emma's fifth grade class to the Boston Museum of Science. I have attached a picture of me, Emma and our group at the Museum's entrance, getting ready for our day of exploring and watching a really cool electric light show. It's the last field trip of her elementary school years and I was grateful to have this opportunity to spend it with her, her classmates & friends. Thank you!



Employee: Kristin Kerr **Position**: Business Analyst

Department: IT

Submitted on: June 10, 2019

I spent my Jelly Bean Day, June 7, 2019 volunteering at Field Day at the Kennedy Elementary School in Billerica, MA. I spent the day with my daughter, Kaelyn, and her 3rd grade class playing field games, watching a mad scientist, learning Kung-Fu, and officiating bouncy house shenanigans. While I was exhausted at the end of the day, I was so grateful to be able to spend the day with my daughter and her friends. Thank you!



Employee: Chris Moncada Back to Top

Position: Senior Claim Representative

Department: Claim

Submitted on: June 13, 2019



I had the privilege of spending my Jelly Bean Day at my daughter Olivia's elementary school in Tewksbury. It was the Heath Brook School's Field Day: an entire day of activity for the kids inside and out. Every class went to each of the 20 stations to participate in all the fun activities. Along with another parent, we ran the 3-legged and wheelbarrow race station. It was clear everyone really had a great day. It was a full day in the sun, running around on the field and wrangling K-2nd graders. I lost my voice for the weekend and by the end of the day, my Garmin watch said I moved almost 9 miles! My daughter said me just being there was her favorite part. The school was very thankful for all of the parents who volunteered. I

can't wait to do it again next year!



Employee: Dan Ilnicky Back to Top

Position: Senior Manager, IPWW

Department: IPWW

Submitted on: June 13, 2019



When I had the chance to take part in my granddaughter's school D.A.R.E. graduation ceremonies, I knew this was my Jelly Bean opportunity. Of the 70 students in her grade, I guessed I know about half of them through various activities and involvements where my granddaughter has made connections. The afternoon event started with serving the 5th Grade, the D.A.R.E. graduates, a pizza party for lunch. Then their classes, teachers, parents and families came in for the graduation ceremony. It was an honor for me to

stand in line as a parent and as a police officer to congratulate each child by name as they received their diploma certificates.

My hope is that by taking part, if we make them think a little longer, if we continue to encourage them to make good choices then maybe we did influence 70 young people to "do the right thing".