

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK

Welcome to the Jessie Games.

Thank you for joining with the Smith Family in this special day of family fun.

The beauty of today is its celebration of a beautiful, vibrant young woman who is remembered today for her zest for life, her faithful soul, a competitive spirit, and a compassionate heart for her family, friends and children in need. The fun you share today will live on for many tomorrows as the proceeds from this fundraiser make a special outreach to children possible. These games support the Summer Lunch Program at Catholic Charities that provides free and nutritious meals to children ages 18 and under at the Susan Zubik Welcome Center in downtown Pittsburgh. Thanks to these games each lunch time is enhanced with creative enrichment activities for children that include a visit from a caricature artist, singing, dancing, and presentations from The Carnegie Library, Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, Animal Rescue League and Heinz History Center that concludes each year with a backpack give away as kids get ready to return to school.

Your support of "The Jessie Games" helps to provide this much-needed outreach to children and I am grateful to you.

Although I am not able to be with you in person today, I am honored to be able to join you in prayer on this special day. As you gather today to race a pierogi, throw the perfectly arched water balloon, or seek to prevail at the watermelon eating contest, know that I am with you in spirit having asked our loving God to bless each of you and all the blessings made possible by this day.



Bishop Zubik helping kids select their backpacks after blessing the children and the backpacks at the close of the Summer Lunch Program and kids enjoying craft day at the Summer Lunch Program at Catholic Charities