



Yellow & Door
FOUNDATION

This Month at Yellow Door

A Warm Welcome to Hailey!

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**4,670 nights of free
lodging!**



**For 62 pediatric
patients**



Along with 212 family members!



Families travel an average of 121 miles



Stay an average of 71 days

Welcome Hailey



At 2 years old Hailey was diagnosed with **B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)**. Hailey became sick very suddenly and after a trip to the pediatrician for what was thought to be an

infection, they were rushed to UVA Children's where she started treatment for ALL the very next day.

Hailey's diagnosis came just four days before her baby brother was born. Her doctors are happy with how she's responding to treatment and she just finished her first phase of therapy.

The family, including new baby brother, are at The Dreamer Apartment while Hailey continues treatment.



**Baby Calero is Here!
Welcome A'sonē**



The Calero family we introduced you to last month just welcomed baby brother A'sonē. He has multiple heart and lung issues. He is receiving critical care at UVA Children's while the family, including three older siblings, are staying in the VOGA House.

Jaiden at "Home" in Rosie's Place



Great news! Jaiden was released from the hospital earlier than expected. He is still recovering from a liver transplant and complications from aplastic anemia but is thankful to be in his home away from home.

Our friend and art teacher Liz visited him at Rosie's Place for art lessons.

**YDF & Be the Match
Stem Cell Registry Drive:
Friday, April 1**



Yellow Door has partnered with Be the Match to host a Stem Cell Registry Drive in support of current and future Yellow Door patients needing a stem cell transplant. YDF currently has two families fighting pediatric leukemia and a third family with a child with aplastic anemia so witness what these families endure when hoping for a cure for their child.

We want to do whatever we can to help find that cure.

This live event will be held on Friday, April 1 outside Ragged Mountain Running Shop on Elliewood Avenue in Charlottesville from 9am-3pm.

The registry is open to adults aged 18-40 and involves a 5-minute, simple, self cheek swab.

This is NOT a stem cell donation, but an event to raise awareness about the need for life-saving stem cell donation and to register potential donors. If you cannot attend in person but want to register, **text YDF to 61474** to receive a registry kit in the mail.

Please contact Stacia if you wish to volunteer the day of the drive: stacia.ydf@gmail.com

Facts about the critical need for stem cell donations not only for YDF kids, but patients across the country.

- Every 3 minutes, someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer like Leukemia. For many of these and other patients with diseases like sickle cell anemia, a marrow transplant is the only chance for a life-saving cure.
- Every year, more than 14,000 patients are diagnosed with life-threatening blood cancers—like leukemia and lymphoma—or other diseases for which a marrow transplant from an unrelated donor may be their only hope of a cure.

- 70% of all patients who need a transplant do not have a matched donor in their family. They depend on Be The Match Registry® to find an unrelated donor.
- Approximately 70% of transplants facilitated by the National Marrow Donor Program® are for patients diagnosed with leukemia or lymphoma.
- Every 10 minutes, someone dies from a blood cancer. That's more than six people each hour, or 148 people each day.
- More than 70 diseases can be treated & cured by an unrelated donor transplant.
- Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children and young adults under the age of 20.

YOU could Be the Match and save a life.

Visit www.bethematch.org/ydf for more information about stem cell donation.

Easter Basket and Bunny Drive



Our friend Justin from Harrisonburg is once again organizing a holiday stuffed animal drive. In partnership with the Yellow Door Foundation and UVA Children's hospital, **The Shenvalee Golf Resort, Lakeside Book Company, Harrisonburg Honda/Hyundai and Charlottesville Colonial Auto Mall** are teaming up to collect and deliver Easter Bunnies

and Easter Baskets for Yellow Door families and pediatric patients at UVA Children's.

Collections started March 7 and will continue through April 8.

Donations in Charlottesville can be dropped off at Colonial Auto Mall. Gifts will be delivered the week of April 11.

In support, **Shenvalee Golf Resort is hosting a golf tournament on April 3.** Registration fee is \$20 and an Easter Bunny or filled basket donation. This tournament is open to all and Shenvalee is offering a discounted rate of \$32 for greens/cart fees for non-members. Please contact [Shenvalee Golf Resort](#) to register for the tournament.


Match Your Splats Charity Workout Weekend: Orange Theory Fitness Charlottesville



Orange Theory Fitness Charlottesville is partnering with Yellow Door and hosting a charity workout weekend April 1-3. Come in, get a great workout and make a donation to match your splat points to Yellow Door. Don't know what a splat point is? [Contact the studio](#) to take a free intro class. Studio is at Barracks Road shopping center.

Double or even triple your points to make a larger impact.

Orange Theory will be opening its second Charlottesville location in Pantops this spring!



Volunteer Spotlight: Gretchen

Helping families one meal at a time



Gretchen provides every new Yellow Door family a homemade pasta dinner made with love and care when they first come to stay at an apartment. It's her way of welcoming our families to the Charlottesville community and to let them know they are cared for here.

"Yellow Door is all about taking care of families and keeping them together and supporting them through very difficult times. Dealing with a serious illness in a family is so stressful, but when it involves children, that stress and concern is three fold, in my opinion.

Making a tray of pasta for a family in need of comfort, is a small thing I can do to help ease their day. I can only imagine how sad and overwhelmed they must feel, so I hope this brings them some comfort."

We are so thankful for Gretchen's friendship and support of our families.

Find Out How YOU Can Open Doors



The need for free lodging options is growing at UVA Children's. **Yellow Door is hoping to answer the call by opening the doors to additional apartments in 2022.**

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