

This Month at Yellow Door

2nd Annual "Friend" Raiser Celebrates 5 Years of YDF

Save the Date & Join Us at Future YDF Events

In Memoriam: Lena

Meet Our New Family

Catching Up with YDF Kids: Tommy, Nadya & Eliza

Yellow Door to Open 6th Apartment in Summer 2022!



4,968 nights of free lodging!



For 64 pediatric patients



Along with 221 family members!





Families travel an average of 121 miles

Stay an average of 73 days

Celebrating 5 Years of Helping Families Stay Together





Yellow Door celebrated 5 years of providing hope, healing and togetherness for families facing life-threatening pediatric illness at its 2nd Annual "Friend" Raiser. On May 14, over 130 old friends and new ones joined YDF at Septenary Winery for an evening of wine tasting, food and live jazz. Doctors, nurses, and social workers from

UVA Children's and YDF families were in attendance to share the positive impact YDF has on treatment outcomes for kids facing serious illness.

By alleviating the financial burden of long-term lodging in Charlottesville, ensuring patients are minutes from treatment and medical care, and providing a warm and welcoming home away from home so families can stay together, **YOU are helping to save lives.**













Save the Dates!



CHARITY CONCERT:
THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 7:00-10:00
Join the community at this charity

concert at Pro Re Nata next month. A local musician and next year's STAB senior class president is organizing this event to benefit Yellow Door Foundation. The evening features three bands in Pro Re Nata's Music Hall.

Tickets are available now! <u>Click</u> <u>here.</u>



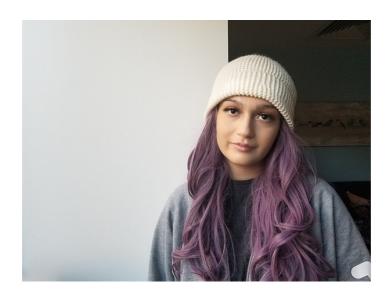
YDF 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT OLD TRAIL GOLF CLUB

We are excited to announce registration for our 2nd Annual Tournament is officially open. We have a full day of golf, contests, raffles, food and drinks planned. Registration includes: greens and cart fees, continental breakfast at check in, boxed lunch and cookout reception following play. Contests include Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Hole in One prizes at all par 3 holes, with a \$10,000 Hole in One grand prize at hole 7. Additional challenges and raffles for cash at the event.

Have a business or group you would like to recognize? A few sponsorships are still available. Don't play golf but would like to support the event? Be a "Friend of the Tournament." **Find out how** <u>HERE</u>.

Register TODAY!

Remembering Lena



It is with a heavy heart that we share Lena passed away in April.

Lena and her family called "The Nest" their home away from home for

148 days in the spring/summer of 2021 while she was at UVA receiving
treatment for AML. She underwent two bone marrow transplants to try
to cure her disease but ultimately they were not successful. We will

always remember her kind spirit and her fun purple wig. Our hearts
are with her family at this time.

We Welcome Baby Moshe & Family



This beautiful family became part of the Yellow Door Family in mid April, when at 6 months Baby Moshe began experiencing weakness and reduced motor function. His parents brought him to UVA Children's from Altavista, VA. Testing revealed Moshe has Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) which is a genetic disorder that starts in the central nervous system and affects all the muscles in his body. Moshe began treatment for his condition which doctors are hopeful will halt further progression of his disease.

The family stayed at Baer Hart house for 27 days, during which time his grandma and three older siblings were able to enjoy Stone Creek's parks and playgrounds and especially a visit from The Free Book Bus.

Thank you Sharon!







We received this note from Moshe's Grandmother:

Dear JoAnne,

Thank you doesn't seem like enough...I, for one, am so thankful that you listened to God and friends and went against what probably at times seemed like an impossible task and came up with the "Yellow Door." We we were just talking about how this feels like home. It was a safe place where we could rest and just be a family, like we were back in our home before this. It gave us a place to be so close to the hospital and Moshe's doctors.

You have taken a time in our lives, when you can't really put a thought together or make decisions or take a step forward because all you can think about is your loved one who is having a health concern, and gave us a space inside and outside to try and keep some normalcy, especially for the other kids.

You and Yellow Door are a blessing to us. May God bless you and the Yellow Door organization greatly!

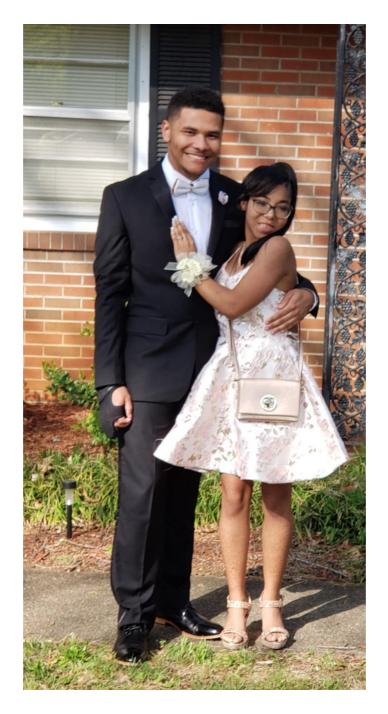
Thank you

Catching Up With YDF Kids



TOMMY: Living His Best Life

Tommy and his family have been with us three times for a total of 664 days while he continues treatment for recurrent osteosarcoma. You may remember him as a "Thursday Hero" last fall. Recently, Tommy was treated to a gourmet dinner from our friends at The Fitzroy. The UVA Men's Lacrosse team awarded him "Beads of Courage" to inspire him to stay strong as he continues his fight against cancer. But most exciting for this teenage car enthusiast, was the Tesla ride he got from a YDF friend. It lifted his spirits and brought a huge smile to his face. Upon returning, he exclaimed, "I want one of those!"



NADYA: Beautiful Prom Queen

Nadya, sister, mom and grandma stayed at The VOGA House last summer for 38 days after she underwent her second kidney transplant. We are happy to report she is doing well and enjoying life as a teenager. This is Nadya as she recently headed to her HS prom.

Mom shares:

"In June of 2021, my family was blessed with the opportunity to stay with the Yellow Door foundation. My daughter received her second kidney transplant from the UVA children's hospital and was required to follow up with the transplant team three times a week for the first month. We currently reside in the Martinsville area and the drive would have been strenuous for my daughter and me. The Yellow Door Foundation gave us accommodation in a clean safe environment that felt just like home.

A few fond memories of our stay were sharing the fireworks show with the kind people in the neighborhood and the delicious pasta dinner that was provided for us. The Yellow Door Foundation took the worry of how I was going to care for my daughter so I could focus on caring for my daughter and I thank them tremendously."



ELIZA: Still the Princess

Eliza and family stayed at the Baer-Hart House for 6 months in 2019/2020 while being treated for kidney cancer at age 2. While there she had the support of big brother Carter and she became big sister to Graham.

She is doing well and still the princess she was when she was at Yellow Door. This is Eliza celebrating her 5th birthday! Sending birthday wishes to this sweet girl!

YOU Can Open Doors!



We are thrilled to announce the opening our sixth apartment at Stone Creek Village, a three-bedroom that will be known as Fox Hollow.

We hope to have it ready to go by mid July. We are so very grateful to our donors.

If you would like to visit our apartments, or meet families to see firsthand what your support does, please contact JoAnne: 434-953-0123

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