



**Yellow & Door**  
**FOUNDATION**

## **This Month at Yellow Door**

**Meet Fox Hollow's First Family:  
Mollie**

**Get a Look Inside Fox Hollow  
Including Artwork by Brennan Gilmore**

**Meet UVA Children's First  
Stem Cell Transplant Patient:  
Samuel**

**September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

**2nd Annual Golf Tournament Set to Tee Off**

**New Community Partner:  
Michie Tavern**



**5480 nights of free  
lodging!**



**For 68 pediatric patients**



*Along with 229 family members!*

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**Families travel an average of 120 miles**



**Stay an average of 81 days**

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**Meet Fox Hollow's First Family:  
Mollie**



**We are honored to welcome baby Mollie, her parents, brother, and grandma as the first residents of our 6th apartment, Fox Hollow.**

Mollie was born via emergency C-section in August after an umbilical prolapse, and spent her first week of life in the NICU. While there, she contracted a virus that led to severe myocarditis and required ECMO life support.

When her heart didn't improve after several weeks, she was transferred to UVA for more extensive care and a potential heart transplant.

We are hopeful that Fox Hollow will provide this family the peace and comfort they need during this difficult time.



Big brother, Gibson (2.5 years old), wasted no time finding the books, games and puzzles, settling right into his "new home."

## Introducing Fox Hollow!



Local artist, photographer and UVA alumnus, **Brennan Gilmore** donated this canvas to decorate the walls of Fox Hollow. Through a



process of shooting 117 photos of the Milky Way over Cabell Hall, he was able to create this breathtaking photo.

**Thank you Brennan for sharing your creativity and talents with Yellow Door families.**

## **We Welcome Samuel and Family**



**Last month we welcomed 18-year-old Samuel to The Nest. Samuel is UVA Children's FIRST stem cell transplant patient, and he's doing great!**

Samuel was first diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2015 when he was 11 years old. This cancer was a "good" type of cancer because it was treatable and the prospects of it coming back were slim. Samuel did really well through treatments, and the family celebrated when he hit the five year mark with no further signs of disease.

However, earlier this year, just before Samuel's 18th birthday, the cancer came back; and it came back everywhere. Samuel has been in treatment since the beginning of March 2022 and came to UVA last month for a stem cell transplant. This transplant gives Samuel the best possible chance at beating his cancer.

**He is now recovering at The Nest with his family and doing well. He was finally able to enjoy a walk outside around the paths at Stone Creek Village just last week.**

*The family shares, "JoAnne and the Yellow Door Foundation have been amazing to our family. JoAnne truly cares about everyone who comes to stay at the apartments and goes the extra mile to make sure everything is perfect. Her five star treatment during such a hard time for our family makes this whole process easier. Having a safe and healthy place to stay near the hospital is a huge gift and blessing to our family! Thank you to everyone who donates to Yellow Door Foundation and makes their mission possible."*

## September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



## **Advocate. Support. Cure.**

Every year it is estimated 15,780 children aged 0-19 in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer. That means approximately one out of 285 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed before their 19th birthday.

Yellow Door has hosted 23 cancer families over the past 5 years, providing an average of 135 days of lodging to each family in order to help alleviate the financial and emotional burden of finding affordable long-term lodging in Charlottesville.

**Please consider making a donation to foundations like Yellow Door and other organizations that support families facing pediatric cancer this month.**

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## **YDF Gears Up for Golf**

### **Tournament:**

***Meet Our Tournament Honoree,***

***Sponsor Shout Out &***

***a Few Spots Remain!***



## Meet Kooper

### 2022 Tournament Honoree

Three-year old Kooper came to Yellow Door's Dreamer Apartment in September 2021. Kooper and his family, including his baby sister, stayed for 5 months while he was treated for a Wilm's Tumor, a type of kidney cancer. During his stay Kooper was known to engage JoAnne in epic UNO games and enjoy visits from The Free Book Bus.

Since finishing up treatment and getting his port out, he's been able to enjoy playing outside, riding his power wheels jeep and seeing his friends and extended family!

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**Thank You to Our Tournament Sponsors**



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## Second Annual Golf Tournament

### \$5000 Hole in One Sponsor



Mercedes-Benz  
of Charlottesville



### \$3000 Sponsors



Rodney Rullman & Nate Rullman



### \$2000 Sponsors



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## Tournament Sponsors Help Ensure Its Success

We are SO appreciative of the amazing generosity of our sponsors for our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament. The success of the day depends on these local businesses and community members. The funds raised this year will go toward the support families facing serious pediatric illness.

If you see any of these sponsors, please be sure to thank them for their support of the Yellow Door mission.



**2nd Annual  
Golf Tournament**

*Friday, October 7  
Old Trail Golf Club  
5494 Golf Drive  
Crozet, VA*

*Providing free, long-term lodging  
for the families of  
immunocompromised pediatric  
patients undergoing treatment at  
UVA Children's hospital.*

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

Registration for our 2nd Annual Tournament is still 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.

**There are a few foursomes remaining so  
Register TODAY!**

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## **Community Partners: Michie Tavern**



*Cancer patient Hailey and family picking up their Michie Tavern chicken dinner.*

Shout out to Greg MacDonald and our neighbors at Michie Tavern on their new monthly chicken dinner delivery to Stone Creek. We were able to get fantastic dinners for our families and some of the wonderful residents who help us with our mission. The first delivery was met with an outpouring of appreciation by our families for a traditional, hearty meal.

We are grateful to Michie Tavern and the support they are providing to our families.



*Pediatric heart transplant mom, Linda, and our friend Bill, Stone Creek Village resident and Yellow Door supporter, at Michie Tavern delivery.*

**YOU Can Open Doors!**



*Baer-Hart House-Dining Room & Living Room*

*If you would like to visit our apartments, or meet families to see first-hand what your support does,  
please contact JoAnne: 434-953-9123*

**I want to learn more**

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