



Yellow Door FOUNDATION

This Month at Yellow Door

Introducing Our "Legacy of Hope" Campaign

Meet Greyson & Evan, YDF's Newest Families

Hailey & Samuel Head Home

Volunteer Spotlight: Danyelle



5804 nights of free lodging!



For 70 pediatric patients



Along with 235 family members!



**Families travel an
average of 117 miles**



**Stay an average of
78 days**



We at Yellow Door Foundation extend our heartfelt sympathy to the friends and families of Devin Chandler, D'Sean Perry and Lavel

Davis, Jr. and to the entire UVA Community as they grieve the loss of these promising young men. And offer best wishes to the two other victims for complete healing of mind and body.

Virginia Strong

Yellow Door Launches "Legacy of Hope" Campaign



Yellow Door is excited to announce our "Legacy of Hope" campaign for year end. As we head into 2023, YDF will continue to provide hope, healing and togetherness for families facing medical crisis. By alleviating the financial burden of long-term lodging, and offering a "community of support" to families as they spend months away from home during treatment and recovery, Yellow Door is helping to ensure positive outcomes for its families.

In a challenging economic environment, more and more families need the help Yellow Door provides. Can you help build a Legacy of Hope in 2023?

We know you have many options when allocating your donor dollars this

time of year. Please consider donating to the Yellow Door Foundation.

By working together, Yellow Door will have the capacity to say "Yes" to all families needing a place to stay while fighting serious pediatric illness.



Help Build a Legacy of Hope

**We Welcome Greyson to the
Baer-Hart House**



Last month we welcomed Baby Greyson and his family to Stone Creek Village Apartments.

Greyson was born with multiple cardiac issues. Shortly after birth, he

underwent the first of two open heart surgeries he will require in the next few months in the hopes of avoiding a heart transplant at this time.

His parents and Big Brother, Hudson, are staying close by at Baer-Hart House. Dad shares: *"We embrace the lows and challenges and celebrate the highs and victories! **Greyson has been fighting hard and embracing his challenges daily. We couldn't be more proud of him. He inspires me with how tough he is.**"*

They are so grateful for the support YDF provides: *"Thank you...this organization never ceases to amaze me. I cannot believe I had never heard of you all before now. The blessings you all continue to provide, the help, the care, the fun and activities to bring joy to days where there may not be the much of it, and overall your upbeat support of your families is amazing. We are grateful!"*



A VISIT FROM THE FREE BOOK BUS:

Greyson's brother, Hudson, got a turn in the driver's seat of the Free Book Bus during a recent visit, and got to choose some books to take home. Thanks to Sharon of The Free Book Bus for all she does to brighten the days of our families.

**Rosie's Place Welcomes Evan's
Family**



Evan is a brave and strong 12-year-old. He was born with a series of congenital heart defects known together as “Shone’s Complex.”

In addition, he has Pulmonary Hypertension and Interstitial Lung Disease. Despite having countless surgeries and procedures and taking many medications every day, Evan’s lungs have not improved and he was in heart failure. With no other options left, he was listed for a heart/double lung transplant on February 10, 2021. After being seen in Boston, Philadelphia and Washington DC, he came to UVA Children's where he received a heart transplant.

Evan's mom is staying nearby at Rosie's Place during the week as Evan continues to require acute care at the hospital. He is one of eight children, so dad is home taking care of Evan's siblings with visits to Charlottesville on weekends.

Hailey Goes Home After 255

Days!



Hailey came to The Dreamer Apartment in February of 2022 from West Virginia. She underwent 8 months of treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL).

Hailey headed back home on November 3rd. Yellow Door sent her off with a visit from the Free Book Bus where she was able to select a stack of books to take with her as she continues to recover at home.

We are so excited for the family as they head home and put this part of their journey behind them.

Samuel Leaves The Nest for Home



Samuel was UVA Children's first stem cell transplant recipient and after three months, he is headed home.

On November 2, mom left this note in the apartment journal: "Today is moving out day. It's bittersweet! On the one hand, we are so excited to head home to our family. On the other hand, it's hard to leave a place that for the past few months has provided us with a safe and restful place. Memories were made, smiles and laughs were shared, and hearts and bodies healed."

August 19th began my son's stem cell transplant at UVA. He was the first pediatric transplant patient under the newly opened program. He underwent transplant for stage 4 recurrent Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Samuel first had cancer when he was 11, and then the cancer came back just shy of his 18th birthday.

Thank you to everyone at Yellow Door Foundation for caring for us along our journey! God bless you all!"

Volunteer Spotlight: Danyelle



This month we want to take time to thank ALL of our amazing volunteers! We have so many wonderful people that do so much behind the scenes that make the YDF model so unique. There are volunteers that provide home-cooked meals when families first come to stay with us. Volunteers that help wash linens between lodgers. Some that help with food deliveries from the food bank every month. Others that assist with holiday meal and gift deliveries.

ALL our volunteers go above and beyond to provide the community of care our families often leave behind when they come to stay in Charlottesville for extended periods of time. It is because of their gift of time that Yellow Door not only provides physical comfort but allows us to offer emotional care to our families as well.

We would like to spotlight Danyelle this month. She is one of our care team members.

We asked Danyelle why she volunteers with Yellow Door: *"I was introduced to Yellow Door when my son played a fundraiser concert for the foundation. The concert was a great way to spotlight this wonderful cause and raise awareness for the children and their families.*

I was drawn to Yellow Door because of their compassion, care, hospitality, and the love they share with the families.

Our daughter was born with a serious health condition that required surgery and a lengthy stay in the hospital so my heart goes out to these families. I know how important it is to be surrounded with encouragement and support during these times. And that's where Yellow Door shines! I'm extremely grateful to have the opportunity to work with this amazing foundation and it's loving founder, JoAnne. She always has a smile on her face and makes everyone feel welcomed and cared for.

Charlottesville is blessed to have Yellow Door in their community."

And WE are blessed to have Danyelle as part of the Yellow Door family.



Danyelle was able to lend Greyson's brother, Hudson, a hand when the Free Book Bus came to visit earlier this month.

YOU Can Open Doors!



Fox Hollow's 2nd Bedroom

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

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