



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

## **This Month at Yellow Door**

**YDF Welcomes Three New Families:  
Colt, Xion and Ava**

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and UVA Children's**

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**Legacy of Hope Update:  
There's Still Time to Help YDF Build Hope for  
Families in 2023**



**5955 nights of free  
lodging!**



**For 74 pediatric patients**



***Along with 247 family members!***

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**Families travel an average of 119 miles**



**Stay an average of 80 days**

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**We Welcome Colt**



**Earlier this month we welcomed three-year-old Colt and his family.**

Colt was diagnosed with leukemia at Thanksgiving. He went in for a routine procedure, adenoid surgery and ear tubes. Sadly, doctors discovered he had leukemia.

We are so thankful we had an apartment available for this family so they can be together during the holidays. Colt, his 11-year-old brother, Ryder, and his parents will be at the VOGA Apartment for the duration of his cancer treatment.

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**Rosie's Place Welcomes Ava's  
Family**



**Newborn Ava Grace will be joining her parents at our Rosie's Place apartment as soon as she's released from UVA Children's.**

At 20 weeks, Ava was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect called Tetralogy of Fallot (a hole in her heart) that will require open heart surgery when she is only a few months old. Unexpectedly, at 24 weeks 3 days, Ava had to be delivered via emergency C-section. Ava was brought into this world weighing only one pound, seven ounces but has been showing her determined and courageous personality ever since. Mom says, "Ava has shown her entire family the true meaning of what a miracle is as we watch her endure and fight through her daily challenges."

**We are glad Rosie's Place can provide a comfortable space for this family as they wait for Ava Grace to grow strong enough for surgery.**

**We love her special Christmas cap!**

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**Baby Xion and Family Call Fox Hollow "Home"**

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**Fox Hollow welcomed Xion's family, including big sister Icelyn, last week when Baby Xion made his debut early.** Doctors diagnosed him in utero with congenital heart defects. The family was prepared to move from Chesapeake to Charlottesville so he could be treated at UVA Children's. However, his earlier than expected arrival moved up the timeline.

Xion will undergo surgery next week for right atrial reduction, tricuspid valve repair.

Mom is recovering at Fox Hollow and visits the hospital to see Xion. Grandma helps with Icelyn at their new home away from home while Dad, serving in the US Army, is stationed in Georgia with visits on the weekends.

**We are so glad to welcome this growing family where they can be together during the holidays.**

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**Special Friend Makes a Visit**



**Santa and his helpers made a special, early delivery to the patients at UVA Children's and to Yellow Door families.**

Our friend, Justin, hosted his Teddy Bear Golf Tournament on December 3, collecting over 500 stuffed friends and Lego sets for the children at UVA Children's and Yellow Door. On December 13, with the help of our new volunteer, Morgan, they brought joy and excitement to children fighting pediatric illness.

**We are so grateful for Justin and the work he does to support YDF from the Shenandoah Valley, and the friends at Shenvalee Golf Resort and Lakeside Books that are so generous with their donations at the holidays. Their gifts truly brighten the lives of these children.**



## Rosie's Place Turns Three



*Rosie's Place Living Room*

**Rosie's Place is celebrating its third birthday this month! Over the past three years, Rosie's Place has provided comfort to 13 families within its walls.** Sponsored by board member Ann Marie Gathright, her husband, Gerry, and her siblings, Rosie's Place honors their late mother, Rose.

*"It is my family's immense privilege to sponsor Rosie's Place. We are grateful to be able to provide a safe place, protective of immunocompromised individuals which allows kids to just be kids and moms and dads to take a breath in between appointments and treatments."*

*-Ann Marie Gathright*

Here is Nathan! Nathan and his family were the first to stay at Rosie's Place in 2019. Nathan was born with AML, Acute Myeloid Leukemia. His treatment for AML necessitated a heart transplant when he was six years old. Nathan and family stayed at Rosie's for

32 days. We are happy to learn that Nathan, his siblings and parents are all doing well.



*If you would like to visit Rosie's or other YDF apartments, meet families to see first-hand what your support does, or volunteer your time and talents:*

***Please contact JoAnne: 434-953-9123***

**Donor Spotlight:  
Tommy & Jody Viar**





**This month we want to take time to thank ALL of our amazing donors!** We have so many wonderful people that support the Yellow Door mission financially. YDF operates solely on the generosity of donors and sponsors, and with funds raised through grants and at fundraising events. Without the continued financial commitment of our donors, YDF would not be able to offer families fighting serious pediatric illness a respite and place to heal together.

**We would like to spotlight Tommy and Jody this month, as they continue to be monthly donors from early times. They not only support YDF financially, but also with their gift of time by volunteering throughout the year at fundraising events.**

We asked Tommy and Jody what it was about Yellow Door that called to them. This is what they shared:

*"God calls people to do His work, to care for His people, to minister to those in need, to give our treasures to meet those needs. We continue in prayer for the Yellow Door Foundation and for those who would have the heart to support this ministry in giving families a free refuge when their immuno-compromised children are being cared for at UVA Children's hospital.*

*We believe God called JoAnne & Jeff McTague to this work. We have watched them grow their personal calling into action on behalf of these families. We have seen and heard the wonderful testimonies of these*

*families and their appreciation for having a place to stay when their child spends months enduring treatment. We have heard from the children themselves about how wonderful it was to have a place to stay in between treatments. We have experienced their smiles. We have seen their success and thank God for them.*

*We love this ministry, support them monthly, and pray you will too. There is work yet to be done."*

**We are blessed to have Tommy and Jody as Yellow Door friends and are so appreciative of their monthly commitment to supporting the Yellow Door mission.**

## **Yellow Door "Legacy of Hope" Campaign Update**

**GOAL: \$20,000**



**Yellow Door kicked off our "Legacy of Hope" campaign for our year end.** A few small fundraising events from community partners, Orange Theory Fitness, Yellow Door at UVA Club and the Teddy Bear Golf Tournament, raised \$2,500. We are so grateful for these friends that help support our mission.

**We are halfway to our goal! There is still time to be a part of the campaign. Can you help build a Legacy of Hope in 2023?**

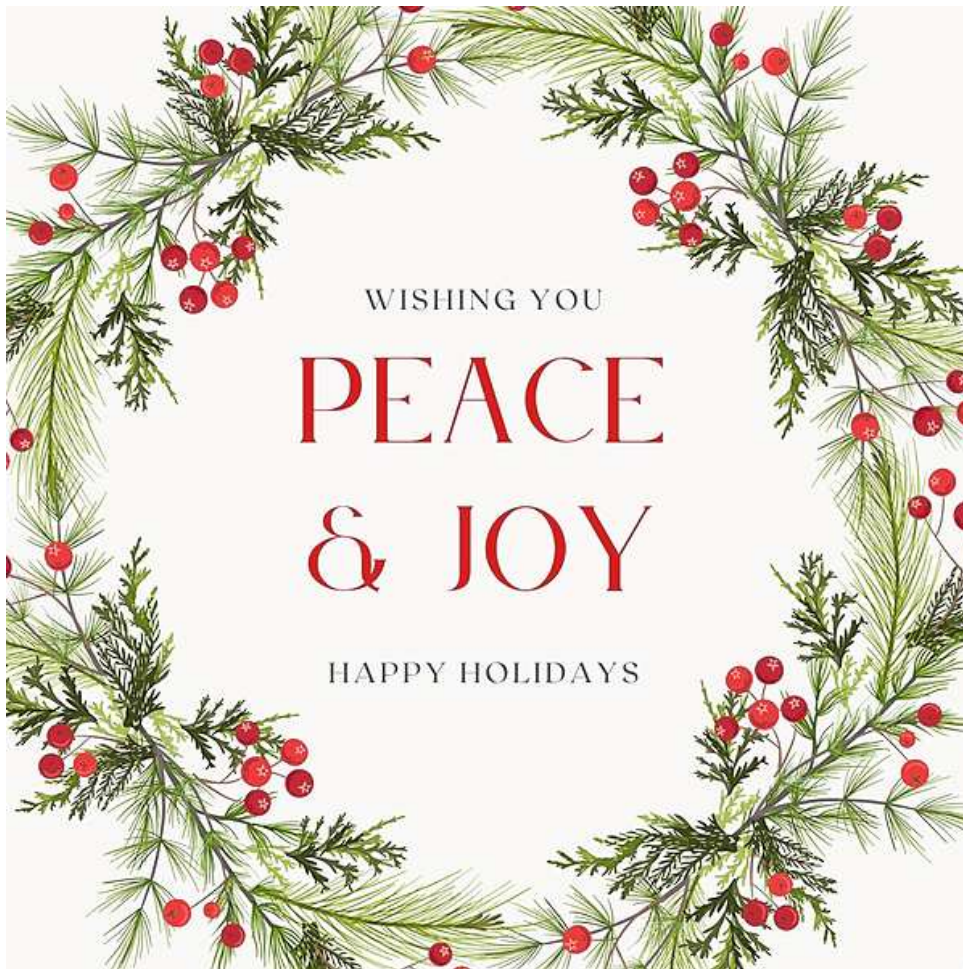
**Double your impact by checking to see if your employer makes matching gifts.** Your donation makes a significant impact of the lives of families fighting pediatric illness.

**Help Build a Legacy of Hope**

## Thankful for Community Partners



We are so grateful for the support of Wegman's and the Emergency Food Network over the Thanksgiving holiday. Through their generosity every Yellow Door family staying at the apartments received a holiday meal.



***Wishing You and Yours a Magical Christmas,  
Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanzaa!  
And Peace and Health in the New Year!***

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