



Yellow Door FOUNDATION

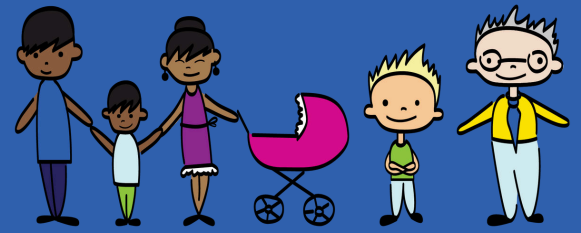


Keeping families together

2022

Impact Report

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A Message from the Executive Director



JoAnne was honored to be recognized by Allen and Allen as a 2022 Hometown Hero

Dear Yellow Door Friends:

It's hard for me to grasp just how far we've come since YDF was just a dream in 2017. The support we've received from so many community partners, donors, and volunteers has enabled us to move forward at a pace we didn't think possible.

Since welcoming our first family in February, 2018, we've provided well over 6,000 free room nights, for close to 80 families of pediatric patients, while ensuring that 92% of all funds raised (\$1.4M to date) went directly toward supporting our mission!

The lingering effects of Covid once again challenged us to step outside our main areas of focus, cancer and transplant, and help additional patients and families with no other lodging options.

Highlights of 2022 included:

- Opening a second 3- bedroom apartment, Fox Hollow
- Expanding our much needed "food arm" with the help of multiple volunteers.
- Hosting our 2nd annual golf tournament fundraiser at Old Trail, with assists from both our main sponsor Mercedes Benz/Umansky Toyota of Charlottesville, and the UVA men's golf team.
- Holding our second rain aided "Friendraiser" at Septenary winery
- Partnering for a 2nd year with Shenvalee Golf Club and Lakeside book company to deliver Christmas and Easter presents to kids at UVA Children's.
- Upgrading our apartments with both HEPA air filter units, and the ADA approved toilets, which enable us to better serve our wheelchair bound patients.

This year we will be:

- Hosting a spring luncheon fundraiser at Greencroft, May 5th and our third annual golf tournament October 6th
- Teaming up with Cavalier Futures and the exceptional members of the UVA men's lacrosse team, who will assist us in everything from outreach to furniture moving!
- Initiating a church meal-train program and continuing our partnership with the Emergency Food Network to better assist our families throughout their stay.

Finally, I'm thrilled to share that in April, we will open our 7th apartment, "Tommy's Place" in honor of our longtime patient and forever friend Tommy Shade, who passed in November at age 15.

Please know that our entire team works tirelessly every day to truly make a difference in our families' lives, and our mission would not be possible without your support.

Gratefully,

JoAnne

Mission

The Yellow Door Foundation provides **FREE**, sanctuary lodging for the families of immunocompromised pediatric patients for the duration of their treatment at UVA Children's hospital.

Yellow Door gives families the physical comfort and emotional care they need during extended medical care, allowing families to focus on healing their child. Our apartments provide a space for families to live as normal a life as possible during a difficult time, and offer a place for hope, healing and togetherness.



After two heart procedures were unsuccessful, Amara received a heart transplant. Her family stayed at Rosie's Place.

The Need & YDF Solution



Moshe was diagnosed with a rare heredity disease called Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) at six-months old. His family stayed at Baer-Hart House during diagnosis and treatment.

When a child is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, the family must shift from the life they know in order to seek out the best care possible. This often means relocating the entire family for an extended period of time.

Over 50% of the out-of-town families whose children receive treatment at UVA are unable to afford **ANY** type of long-term lodging away from home. There is a critical need for lodging options for these families in Charlottesville.

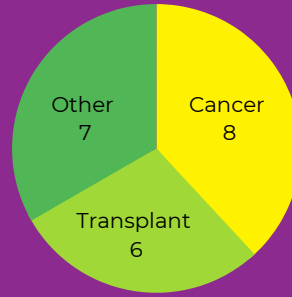
Our apartment model is ideal for children with compromised immune systems for whom communal living is not the best option to ensure positive outcomes.

2022 By the Numbers

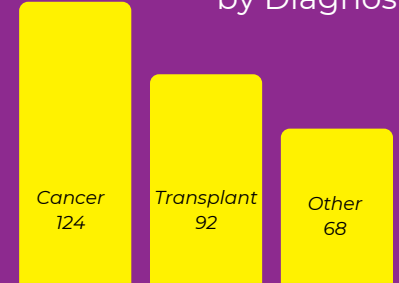
Total nights:
2015 nights



Patients-21:
by Diagnosis



Average Nights:
by Diagnosis



Average miles
traveled:
119 miles



Average Stay:
96 nights



Total lodgers:
94 people

**Since 2018: total nights is 6,028; total patients is 75; average stay is 81 nights*

Income	FY 2022	FY 2021
Grants	\$39,500.00	\$71,749.00
Fundraising Events	\$75,545.09	\$41,278.00
Apartment Sponsorships	\$121,000.00	\$127,500.00
Direct Donations	\$169,840.99	\$139,066.00
Total Income	\$405,886.08	\$379,593.00
Expenses	FY 2022	FY 2021
Apartment Rent/Maintainence	\$141,611.93	\$121,095.00
Apartment Utilities	\$14,092.72	\$10,555.00
Insurance	\$3,644.00	\$2,661.00
Fundraising/Outreach	\$27,808.01	\$6,999.00
Program Operating Costs	\$148,997.87	\$118,121.00
Total Expenses	\$336,154.53	\$259,431.00

Samuel's Story

Samuel was UVA Children's FIRST stem cell transplant patient.

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, just before Samuel's 18th birthday, the cancer came back; and it came back everywhere. Samuel was in treatment beginning of March 2022 and came to UVA Children's in August. The family stayed at The Nest for the duration of their time in Charlottesville. He underwent a Car-T stem cell transplant as it was the best hope for beating his cancer. Thankfully, he responded well and was able to return home in early November.



Dr. Philip Roehrs, MD
Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology,
Clinical Director for Pediatric Stem Cell and Cellular Therapy at UVA Children's

"We successfully completed our first Bone Marrow Transplant on a young man who was diagnosed with relapsed Hodgkin's Lymphoma during his senior year of high school. His transplant wasn't the only obstacle that was overcome successfully, but he and his family live over an hour away from UVA and discovered the need for major home renovations prior to and during his treatment. Thankfully, he and family were able to have an extended stay in a Yellow Door apartment.

Our program's goal is to eventually have the capacity to offer curative therapy for every child in Virginia in need of a BMT. As the majority of children in our state live outside of beautiful Charlottesville, our patients are blessed and fortunate to have the amazing Yellow Door apartments and team minutes away from our clinic/hospital, providing an amazing place to live, heal, and a home away from home."

"Getting the call that we were approved for a Yellow Door apartment took so much stress off of us so we could focus on doing what we needed to for Hailey. We were so grateful that someone would provide a place for our family to stay at no cost to us and it lifted such a huge burden off of us during a really hard time. Our Yellow Door apartment wasn't just a place to stay for us, it quickly became a second home. From the moment we walked in we felt so relieved, we had a safe, clean place for Hailey to stay which was so important with her being immunocompromised. The apartment also gave us something to look forward to when coming to Charlottesville and we were able to make so many wonderful memories there." -Lindsey, Hailey's mom



Hailey

Evan's Journey

Evan visited Boston, Philadelphia and Washington DC before coming to UVA Children's for a heart transplant.

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 did not improve 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 and told there was nothing they could do for him, he came to UVA Children's where he received a heart transplant on October 28, after 625 days on the transplant list.



After months of battling fevers, infections and tweaking medications, he was released to The Nest in time for Christmas. Evan's journey is one of fortitude, perseverance and is truly a miracle.

"As you can imagine, it is very stressful for the parents to have their children in the hospital, either undergoing congenital heart surgery, or receiving some type of care as a result of their congenital heart defect. Having some remote "comfort of home" relieves a lot of their anxiety.

Our congenital heart program is now a top 20 program in US News and World Report. This is a result of the phenomenal team we have put together. We consider Yellow Door a very important part of our program as it provides a warm and comforting surrounding for our parents. We cannot thank you enough for all of your involvement with our congenital heart program."



Dr. Jay Gangemi, MD
Pediatric Thoracic and
Cardiovascular Surgery,
UVA Children's



Triston

"We thank you for ALL that you extended to our family during our son's medical journey while in Charlottesville. The apartment and it's amenities exceeded our expectations, which made it easy to call it HOME during our stay. We couldn't have been blessed with a more welcoming and comforting sponsorship. THANK YOU! We are forever grateful and appreciative of your generosity and compassion."

-Linda, Triston's mom

Fundraising & Outreach Events

Yellow Door Foundation built on the momentum from 2021 and held a number of successful fundraising and outreach events in 2022.

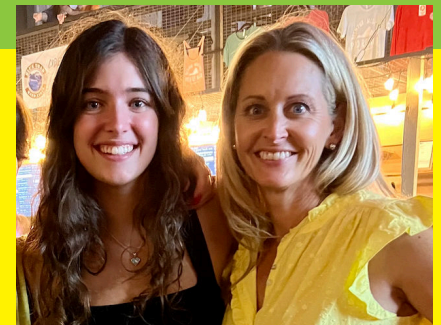
YDF started with a Spring Community Outreach Weekend the first weekend in April, where we co-hosted a stem cell registry drive with Be the Match. Orange Theory Fitness Charlottesville held "Match Your Splats" fundraising workouts all weekend for Yellow Door, and Justin held a Basket and Bunnies Golf Tournament at Shenvalee Golf Club collecting spring gifts for patients at UVA Children's and donating raffle proceeds to Yellow Door.



In May, Yellow Door celebrated its 5th birthday with a friend-raising, wine-tasting evening at the beautiful Septenary Winery. Sarah and Todd, our gracious hosts, opened up their space to host and toast Yellow Door and friends. It was another wet evening but that didn't dampen the spirits of the 120+ attendees who enjoyed wine, food and music that night.



In June, STAB student, Eloise Granville, organized and executed a charity concert at Pro Re Nata Brewpub and Music Hall in Crozet with tremendous success! Three bands shared their time and talents with over 150 people who came out for a summer evening.



Our major events for the year culminated in October with Yellow Door Foundation's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament. It was a gorgeous fall day and a great day for Yellow Door financially. Save the date for the 3rd Annual Tournament on October 6, 2023!

Yellow Door Foundation was the grateful recipient of four grants in 2022 totaling: \$39,500

- Bamaworks: \$7,500
- The Twentieth Century Merchants Fund of Charlottesville-Albemarle Retail Merchants Association: \$10,000
- Monogram Loves Kids: \$5,000
- Perry Foundation: \$17,000

Grants

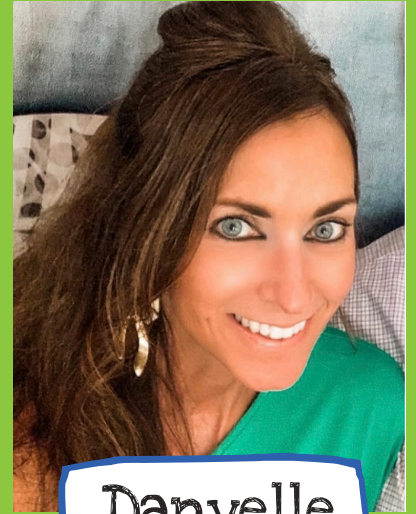


Baby Grayson was born with congenital heart defects that required surgery right after birth.

Volunteer Spotlight

"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."



Danyelle



Tommy & Jody Viar

"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 their success and thank God for them.

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

"I was introduced to the Yellow Door Foundation through a friend this past summer. I had recently completed a program to become a Child Life Specialist, and was looking to get involved with a similar community while waiting for an internship. I was so impressed with all of the work that JoAnne and the board at YDF had done, and I knew I had found an organization that was a perfect fit! "



MacKenzie

Fox Hollow Sponsors: Sarah and Todd



"Having previously supported child advocacy groups in Denver, we wanted to find a local charity in our new hometown and alma mater that focused on serving children and their families.

One of our employees told us about the

Yellow Door Foundation. We were impressed by their model of providing a private home rather than communal living for immunocompromised children and their families receiving care at UVA Health. After visiting a few of the apartments and getting to know some of the kids and their families, we could see that the YDF had a huge impact. We have held 2 fundraisers at our business and became sponsors of the Fox Hollow apartment last year.

We have friends who have been affected by childhood cancer twice. Happily, both children are now healthy and thriving. They were fortunate to be able to receive treatment close to home. Yellow Door provides a home away from home for families who travel to receive care at UVA Health. The apartments are beautiful, cozy and thoughtfully appointed by JoAnne and her team. The grounds at Stone Creek Village are peaceful with walking trails, a pool and a playground. It is truly a sanctuary and provides some much needed normalcy for Yellow Door families."

-Sarah and Todd Zimmerman, Septenary Winery

Welcome to Fox Hollow

Yellow Door's 6th apartment is a 3-bedroom, 2-bath home tucked away in a corner of Stone Creek Village with views of Carter's Mountain.



Community Partners

Hero Circle

\$10,000+

Charlottesville Self Storage and Student Service

Mercedes Benz of Charlottesville/Umansky
Toyota
VOGA

Sanctuary Circle

\$7,500-\$9,999

Wegman's

Family Circle

\$5,000-\$7,499

Davenport & Company

Whiting-Turner

Partner Circle

\$500-\$999

Crutchfield
Devil's Backbone Brewery
VCA Albemarle
Veterinary Healthcare Center

Friend Circle

\$1,000-\$2,499

Brooks Auto & Truck	Random Row Brewery
Carter Bank & Trust	Reynard Florence
C'Ville Smoke Shop	Dr. Jim & Jennifer
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Foodservice	Sloan Manis Real Estate
Consultants Studio	Southern Development
Hanckel Citizens	Story House Realty
Marks & Harrison	Tiger Fuels
Pepsi of Central VA	Towe Insurance
Ragged Branch	Trident LLC
Distillery	Truist
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Champion Circle

\$2,500-\$4,999

Blue Ridge Homebuilders Assoc.
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Shenvalee Golf Club Members
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Wawa

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McGuire Woods	Stone Creek Village
Pro Re Nata	The Fitzroy
	Willow Branch
	Flowers

Supporter Circle

\$1-\$499

Colonial Auto
First Baptist Church



**total cumulative support from local businesses*

Mollie was born perfectly healthy but contracted a virus while in the hospital after birth that ravaged her heart. The family needed to transfer Mollie to UVA Children's for life-saving care. They were our first Fox Hollow family.

"We were able to move into a beautiful home away from home. It truly was such a gift and we were so incredibly grateful to live in Charlottesville, to bring our two-year old son with us, and his grandmother was able to stay with us so we could be together as a family." -Stacey, Mollie's Mom



Mollie

YOU Make a Difference!

Yellow Door Foundation's operating budget relies solely on the generosity of apartment sponsors, grants, fundraising and direct donations.

Your contributions assist families in medical crisis by helping to provide the physical and emotional support they need as they battle life-threatening, pediatric illness. **Ninety-two percent of the funds raised directly support our mission.** We are grateful for your belief in Yellow Door.

To open doors to families in need:



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Jaiden

You are angels. Words can't express what a blessing you have been to me and my son during our greatest time of need. I praise everything you do for people like us who have nowhere to go when our children become sick. Bills are the last thing on our minds and what you've provided for us was a safe place to temporarily call home. I treated this place as if it were my own and I hope I've made you proud. I pray that everything you do in this organization will prosper and flourish.

Thank you for being kind to me and my family. Keep up the good work.

-Jasmine, Jaiden's mom