



Yellow & Door
FOUNDATION

This Month at Yellow Door

**YDF Announces New Partnership with UVA Men's
Lacrosse**

Yellow Door Recognizes Heart Month

**First Annual Spring Luncheon:
Friday, May 5**

Needed: Raffle Basket Donations

Recurring Donations: A Win-Win for Donor & YDF



**6,258 nights of free
lodging!**



For 76 pediatric patients



Along with 255 family members!



Families travel an average of 121 miles



Stay an average of 82 days

**New Partnership with UVA
Men's Lacrosse Through Cav
Futures:
Grayson Sallade & Connor
Shellenberger**



We are excited to announce that UVA Men's Lacrosse players, Grayson Sallade and Connor Shellenberger, are working with Yellow Door Foundation through Cavalier Futures, a non-profit organization that helps student-athletes to capitalize on their name, image and likeness

This is the first Cav Futures partnership with a non-profit, and we are so humbled and grateful these two amazing young men chose to share their time, talents and heart with Yellow Door. The UVA Men's Lacrosse team was first introduced to YDF in 2020 when they supported our friend, David Alexander, during his cancer treatment. David was a talented high school lacrosse player looking to play in college when he received his cancer diagnosis. Sadly, David passed in the fall 2021 but the Men's Lacrosse Team honored him and celebrated his brave decision to live life on his terms during his last year.

The guys got right to work last week helping clean out our storage unit in preparation for future apartments. We are excited for what our future holds with Grayson and Connor as YDF ambassadors. **Be sure to stay up to date with our collaborative efforts by following Yellow Door Foundation, Cav Futures Foundation, UVA Men's Lacrosse, Connor and Grayson on social media.**



Yellow Door Recognizes Heart Health Month



February is American Heart Month. Yellow Door would like to recognize all our heart warriors. Whether a child is born with a congenital heart defect that requires immediate surgery, or an older child finds they need a heart transplant, the patient will need to be cared for in the hospital for an extended period of time. We provide a free, comfortable place to stay, convenient to the hospital for the families of these children, and a "home" for the immunocompromised patient to heal after they are discharged.

Yellow Door Heart Families:
30 heart families

20 of those were heart transplant families

1,964 total days of lodging for heart families

65 days is the average stay

Dr. Jay Gangemi, pediatric thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon at UVA Children's, shares:

"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."

Catching Up With YDF Heart Families



LILY: From mom: "On February 3rd, we celebrated 3 wonderful and wild years with Lily Grace. She is a force to be reckoned with. Independent, hilarious, and sassy are the 3 best words to describe her. She loves playing with her sisters and eating all the snacks she can get her hands on. Lily is thriving and living her absolute best life. We are so thankful to raise her, watch her grow, and love her."



JACOB: From mom, "Jacob has had some health bumps in the road, but overall he and his new heart are doing great. He just turned five and will have his 4-year anniversary for his transplant on February 27th."



JOSHUA: From mom, "Joshua is doing great! There has been no rejection and I love how much he smiles after all he's been through. He loves cars, inspecting people's cars when we go out and has watched Cars 1, 2, and 3 on Disney a million times!"



CHARLOTTE: From mom, "Charlotte is now one and half years old and is living life as a normal toddler. She is walking, talking, and meeting all of her milestones."



HARMONI: From Grandma, "Harmoni is doing great!! She has 0% rejections. She is very healthy and thriving. I once again thank Yellow Door for all the help you gave us when we needed it. Thank you!"

**First Annual Spring Luncheon:
The Greencroft Club
Friday, May 5 at 11:30am**



Please Save the Date...
& join us at a Spring Luncheon to benefit

**The Yellow Door
Foundation**

Greencroft Club

Friday, May 5

11:30-2:00

Tickets: \$125

Table Sponsor: \$1,000 (seats 9)

Purse Raffle

Raffle Baskets

Cash Bar

ALL proceeds to benefit the Yellow Door Foundation mission to provide free, long-term lodging to the families of immunocompromised pediatric

patients undergoing treatment and care at UVA Children's.

We hope our current Yellow Door friends will share this invitation with others.

Please forward to your friends, family, neighbors and colleagues so they can register to learn more about the Yellow Door mission and how they can help.

[Register Here](#)

Raffle Basket Donations Needed



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR
DONATIONS**

Yellow Door Foundation Raffle Basket Fundraiser

Needed by May 2

Possible ideas: garden, wine tasting, spa, Italian night, UVA sports, reading, tennis, golf, pickle ball, dining in Charlottesville, tailgate, Bloody Mary and Mimosa, Mother's Day, beach, game night, movie night, etc.

Please contact YDF if you are able to donate!
Stacia Torrey - Stacia.ydf@gmail.com

Yellow Door Foundation Spring Luncheon
Greencroft Club in Charlottesville
Friday, May 5 from 11:30-2:00

As part of our Spring Fundraising Luncheon, we will be holding a basket raffle and hope you or your business will consider sponsoring a basket, either through a direct donation of items for a raffle basket, or by making a \$150 donation so that items can be purchased for a themed

basket. This a wonderful way to support the event if you are unable to attend, and provides great exposure for Charlottesville area businesses.

All businesses/individuals sponsoring a basket will be recognized at the event in our program and at the raffle basket table. Additionally, donors will be listed on the event webpage on our website. As a recognized 501c3, all donations to Yellow Door Foundation are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided. Ninety-two percent of funds raised directly support the mission.

Baskets can be picked up the week prior to the luncheon or brought to the event. Monetary donations can be made on the registration form.

See link above.

Recurring Monthly Donations: A Win-Win for Donor and YDF

GOAL: \$4,000/month
in recurring donations



Few have escaped the challenges inflation introduced in 2022 and

Yellow Door is no exception . We have experienced increases in rents, utilities, insurance, and costs to replace basic apartment furnishings such as linens, cookware, pillows, rugs, etc. heading into 2023.

We encourage our supporters to consider committing to a monthly recurring donation to help YDF cover these expenses, strengthen our mission, and allow us to more effectively plan long-term.

Our current monthly donors say recurring payments enable them to make a larger impact, while providing the added convenience to set it and forget it.

**Come Visit Us to See Your
Impact First-Hand**



Baer-Hart House Dining and Living Areas

Baer-Hart House, Yellow Door's first apartment, turns five this month.

If you would like to visit a Yellow Door Apartment to meet families and see first-hand what your support does, or volunteer your time and talents:

Please contact JoAnne: 434-953-9123

[Donate Here](#)

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