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**6,412 nights of free
lodging!**



For 78 pediatric patients



Along with 262 family members!



Families travel an average of 125 miles



Stay an average of 84 days

**Fox Hollow Welcomes YDF's
77th Family: Haley**



Haley, 13, from Southwest VA, was born with HypoPlastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) which occurs when the left side of the heart, responsible for pumping of oxygen-rich blood throughout the body, fails to form correctly in utero. In order to survive, a newborn with HLHS requires immediate medical care including surgery or a transplant.

Haley had two such life-saving heart surgeries at UVA as a young child and spent 280 days in Charlottesville. After two years of surgeries and treatment, she was able to return home and lived a normal childhood for the past decade.

However, recently Haley began experiencing issues with her health and doctors determined that she would need a heart transplant. **On February 25 Haley got her new heart!** She had some initial complications with the transplant and some challenges with her lungs and kidneys, but is doing much better and will be moved out of intensive care shortly.

Checking in with Helena

& Lily Belle



UPDATE ON HELENA: Helena is currently undergoing treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). The family is staying in "The Nest." Helena has been receiving chemo and recently experienced a serious setback when she became septic. Thankfully the doctors at UVA were able to get everything under control but Helena will need to stay in the hospital a little longer before she can return to the apartment to be with her parents.



UPDATE ON LILY BELLE:

Lily was air-lifted to UVA Children's from Southwest VA just after birth in December and is being treated for a rare chromosomal issue. Lily is growing and eating, and now weighs over seven pounds! She will require her NG tube for feedings and oxygen, and doctors decided to wait a few more months to let her grow before they consider heart surgery. However, we are so excited to share that after three months, **she is healthy enough to return home and meet Big Sister Lana!**

The family says they are, "Extremely thankful to Yellow Door for letting us stay here so we could see her regularly. Her sister, Lana, is doing well, and visits the apartment with her grandparents. I can't wait for the girls to finally meet each other. Thank you guys again for everything."

Yellow Door Catches Up with YDF Families

A few more updates from our YDF families!

JUDE: Mom shares, "Jude is doing wonderful! He will be



turning 4 this year and is in great health. His donor heart is doing excellent. He's an amazing big brother and loves his little sister Mila. He's going to be starting school in the fall. So, for the moment we are just loving a normal life. We plan on taking our first family vacation to New Mexico later this month so that's exciting. Our family talks about Yellow Door very often and the memories we have there and how grateful we are for y'all."

MOSHE: Mom shares, "We cannot begin to thank you enough for allowing us to stay in one of your apartments. Not only were we fighting for Moshe's life, but we were ripped apart from our other children-until you guys opened your door to us. **When so many doors were slammed in our face to stay together as a family-as we faced the most horrific trials-your door, your beautiful yellow door, opened.** It gave us hope, restored our strength and allowed us to begin to heal."



Yellow Door @ UVA



To commemorate Pi Day, UVA's Class of 2024 and 2024 student councils hosted a Pie Your President fundraiser whereby students could pie their organization's president for a minimum of a \$1 donation. Organizations ranged from class presidents to sorority and fraternity presidents, with all proceeds benefitting the Yellow Door Foundation.

Over \$600 was raised yesterday for Yellow Door!

YD@UVA started last fall and work to raise awareness of and funds for Yellow Door Foundation within the UVA community. **The student members also volunteer their time helping with mailings, events and family programming.**

Tommy's Place: In Progress





After receiving a generous donation for a three year commitment, Yellow Door signed the lease for its 7th apartment. This apartment is to be called "Tommy's Place" in memory of a special young man who stayed with Yellow Door on and off for three years during treatment for recurrent osteosarcoma. Sadly he passed last November, but will forever be in our hearts.

The apartment is currently going through a rigorous process to get it ready for our immunocompromised kids and their families. New hardwood flooring, MRSA-resistant paint, updated cabinetry and ADA toilets will be installed before furniture can be moved in. **We are thankful for the support of new community partners, Building Goodness and PD Inc., who are covering the entire cost of supplying and installing flooring, which is our biggest expense for a new Yellow Door Apartment.**

Tommy's Place hopes to welcome its first family mid-April.



Building Goodness Foundation
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**Spring Fundraising
Luncheon & Celebration:
The Greencroft Club
Friday, May 5 at 11:30am**



**PLEASE JOIN YELLOW DOOR FOUNDATION FOR
A SPRING FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON &
CELEBRATION**

***with Head Coach Lars Tiffany,
UVA Men's Lacrosse***

WHO: YOU!

WHERE: The Greencroft Club

WHEN: Friday, May 5, 11:30-2:00

WHY: 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.

Individual Tickets: \$125

Table: \$1,000 (seats 9)

Purse Raffle

Raffle Baskets

Cash Bar

Please encourage your friends, family, neighbors and colleagues to join your table!

Register Here

Click Here to see Local Businesses Donating to Basket Raffle

Recurring Monthly Donations: Progress

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



UPDATE: Recurring donations are up over \$1,400! Thank you to all who are making a monthly commitment to supporting families receiving treatment at UVA Children's! The need is growing, as are our costs, for long-term lodging options in Charlottesville. Yellow Door has a proven model for lodging families of immunocompromised pediatric patients. **Help support the YDF solution!**

Come Visit Us to See Your Impact First-Hand



VOGA Bedroom

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

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