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3rd Annual YDF Golf Tournament:

October 6 at Old Trail Golf Club

Registration Open!



**6,950 nights of free
lodging!**



For 81 pediatric patients



Along with 275 family members!



Families travel an average of 123 miles



Stay an average of 86 days

**Checking in with our Current
YDF Families**



HALEY: Heart transplant patient Haley is heading home to Ewing, VA after spending over 110 days at Fox Hollow. We are so happy that she has been cleared by doctors to continue her recovery at home with her community of friends and family, but we will miss the light her smile brought to the room. **Haley was able to utilize the exercise bike at the gym at Stone Creek Village to expedite and aid her rehabilitation.** Wishing her continued healing and a full recovery.

Mom left us this note: *"Our daughter Haley had to have a heart transplant. One of our worries was where we were going to stay for several months. We live in Southwest VA, 6 hrs away from Charlottesville and UVA Hospital. To be told that there is a foundation that provides a free long-term stay during our devastating time, what a heartwarming gift. The Yellow Door Foundation provided us comforts of home away from home, and gave us one less stress to worry about. Yellow Door has been a blessing to our family to be able to be together during Haley's heart transplant journey. The love and support. JoAnne makes sure you are well taken care of with food, the privacy to be able*

to rest, a kind word, text or call. Yellow Door Foundation is the most wonderful gift. To know that people do care and are willing to donate to let families like us to be together. Thank you, Yellow Door Foundation, and Sponsors for making this happen. #HaleyStrong ♥



MARGIE: Margie finally received a new heart in May. When the heart failed, she was quickly moved to the top of the transplant list and luckily another match became available within two weeks. She underwent her second transplant surgery early June. **Margie's social worker said Margie was one of the most joyful patients with whom she has worked.** We are hopeful Margie will make a full recovery. The family is staying at the VOGA Apartment.



MAYA: Maya received her new heart in March and recovery has been slow but steady. Victoria (mom) and Maya have been calling Baer-Hart House home for the past three months and are hopeful to return to Richmond in late June. Fortunately the weather is getting warmer so Maya can use the pool to regain some strength in her legs. Maya has been in a wheelchair since her operation. The gym and pool are just other reasons why the amenities at SCV help improve outcomes for YDF patients. **Like Haley, she has been visiting the Stone Creek Village gym to work on full body strength as well. All her hard work is paying off. Catch her smile at the top of the stairs by clicking on the image above. Keep up the great work Maya!**

HELENA: **Helena's CAR T cell treatment was a success and she is in remission!** CAR T is when a patient's immune cells are used to treat their cancer. Helena



will still require a stem cell transfer as part of her treatment for leukemia. She will head to Cincinnati for this procedure in July and then return to UVA Children's to complete her treatment protocol.

We are thrilled that this initial step to curing Helena was successful and she is on the path to recovery.



CHLOE: Chloe continues her treatment for stage 4 kidney cancer. She had challenges with infections but is much better now. Recently she assisted with our purse raffle drawing. Check her out the video below.



AVI: As reported last month when we introduced the YDF community to Avi's family, Avi received his donor heart. He has been released to join his family at Rosie's Place where he will continue recovering 3-4 weeks before heading home.



RAYMOND: Raymond's family was the first to call Tommy's Place "home." In early June he experienced complications which required him to be flown to Cincinnati. He is stable now and awaiting a second stem cell transfer.

Executive Board Changes:

***Welcome to Sarah Zimmerman & a
Grateful Farewell to Ann Marie
Gathright***



We are excited to OFFICIALLY welcome Sarah Zimmerman to the Executive Board. Sarah and her husband, Todd, own Septenary Winery and have graciously hosted two of our wettest spring events (ha-ha!) at their beautiful space in Greenwood, VA. The Zimmermans are also the generous sponsors of Fox Hollow, our three-bedroom apartment we opened in August 2022.

Sarah spent 12 years as a speech-language pathologist with a degree from University of Colorado-Boulder and an M.Ed. from UVA. She raised two children-Ryan and Allison-before moving to VA and opening the winery with Todd six years ago. We recently learned Sarah is fluent in Spanish. She's already translated our lodging agreement which is a huge help for Spanish-speaking families like Margie's.

Sarah brings a tremendous knowledge of best business practices to our board as well her love of wine, travel, nature and all UVA sports. We are thrilled to have her on the Yellow Door team!



It is with extraordinary gratitude that we recognize Ann Marie Gathright and her four year tenure on the Executive Board.

Ann Marie's sound guidance and voice of reason navigated Yellow Door through the challenges of Covid, helping it grow to what it is today. Ann Marie, husband Gerry and her siblings sponsor Rosie's Place in memory of her beloved mother. Her connections to the Charlottesville/Central Virginia community remain invaluable to the YDF mission. Ann Marie is now a member of our advisory board where she will continue to be involved with community outreach as well as Rosie's Place.

**Spring Purse Raffle Winner
Announced**



Watch Chloe pick the winning ticket by clicking on her image above.

Donna Abshire is the lucky winner of our purse raffle! We are so thankful to ALL who participated in this fundraiser. Over \$7,000 was raised to support our families.

We want to recognize Justin Harpine and the generosity of our friends at Shenvalee Golf Club. They sponsored this raffle, turning \$1,800 collected at a recent golf tournament into \$7,000. Over the past two years, **this group of supporters has generated over \$10,000 to advance the mission of the Yellow Door Foundation.**

Donna shares a familiarity with the struggles our families face as she is a parent of a pediatric cancer survivor. Raygan, our lemonade stand entrepreneur at Hole 1 at our golf tournament, was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma at age 2. Now 11 years old, Raygan is cancer free and living her best life as the only middle schooler sporting a Louis Vuitton bag come fall!

Donna's family stayed with Yellow Door in fall 2020 when her newborn granddaughter Mazee required an extensive hospital stay during Covid.

Mazee is all grown up! (pictured with Donna below). The Abshire family has been a big supporter of Yellow Door since the beginning. Congratulations Donna!



YDF Meal Team is Cooking Up Love in the Kitchen



Yellow Door's meal ministry team is in place and lovingly preparing home-cooked meals for our families. Avi's brother Llewyn enjoyed this delicious chicken and broccoli casserole last week. He exclaimed, "I love broccoli!" when the meal was delivered.

If you are interested in being part of the rotation to provide home-cooked meals for our families, please contact Gretchen: jandgmasselli@gmail.com

In addition, **Michelle from "Sprinkle by Michelle"** is

providing a signature "comfort sweet" for each or our families going forward. A chocolate chip cookie cake with yellow sprinkles cake is the newest addition to our menu. Recently she made a special-request strawberry cake for Chloe as well. We are so grateful Michelle has joined our Yellow Door team!



**Yellow Door's 3rd Annual Golf
Tournament:
Friday, October 6
Registration Open!**



**3rd Annual Golf Tournament Registration is
officially open!**

The Details:

Friday, October 6, 2023
Old Trail Golf Club
5494 Golf Drive
Crozet, Virginia

9:30 Check in and continental breakfast;
driving range and practice green open

11:00 Opening announcements and shotgun start; boxed lunch

Awards Reception
with music, food and drinks following play

Hole in One, Longest Drive &
Closest to the Pin Contests

Team Awards

50/50 raffle
Putting contest
Mulligans

Registration (early*/regular):

\$700/\$800 foursome

\$175/\$200 individual

****early registration ends August 15***

[**Register Here!**](#)

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



**Tommy's Place
Yellow Door's 7th Apartment!**

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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