



## **This Month at Yellow Door**

#### Yellow Door Hosts Families for a Total of 7,094 Nights!

**Fox Hollow Welcomes Alex** 

Avi and Maya Head Home

In Memoriam: Raymond "Gabe" Bray

**Catching Up with Priscilla & Gabe** 

**Be a Key Partner:** Recurring donor update

**3rd Annual YDF Golf Tournament:** October 6 at Old Trail Golf Club Early Registration Ends August 15th!









Along with 282 family members!





Families travel an average of 124 miles

Stay an average of 86 days

# Yellow Door Crosses Over 7,000 Nights!



Hard to believe that from opening the doors of Baer-Hart House in early 2018 to today, Yellow Door has provided comfort and care to 82 families of immunocompromised pediatric patients for over

## 7,000 nights!

Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

# A Warm Welcome to Alex and Family



Recently we welcomed Alex, dad and grandmom to Fox Hollow. Alex came to UVA to have a Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) surgically implanted. An LVAD is a pump used for patients who have reached end stage heart failure. Alex will most likely require a heart transplant in the near future.

Alex had this to share: "My name is Alex. I am 15. I was diagnosed with congestive heart failure in March at Children's Hospital King's Daughters (CHKD) in Norfolk, VA. In June I came to UVA where I got an LVAD. They say I am the first pediatric patient to go home on the LVAD. That made me feel really special. My family and I had to learn a lot about the LVAD before I could be discharged from the hospital.

Now we are staying at The Yellow Door. It's funny because the apartment we are staying in is called "The Fox Hollow" and it has pictures and little figures of foxes. I happen to love foxes! Now I'm working to get better so I can go to a concert of my favorite band 'Ghost' in August."

## **Avi and Maya Head Home**



**AVI:** After 61 nights at Yellow Door in Rosie's Place and Fox Hollow, Avi and family returned home to Virginia Beach at the end of June.

Morgan (mom) shares: "The work of this foundation has such an immediate, real, and monumental impact on patients, their recovery, and the wellbeing of their families. We are so grateful for all the work done by JoAnne, donors, sponsors and volunteers. You all allowed us the best-case scenario for Aviel's recovery."

**MAYA**: Those who were with us at the Spring Luncheon may remember this smiling girl. We celebrated her 15th birthday that day. Maya received her heart transplant in March. **She used the pool and exercise room at Stone Creek to aid in her rehabilitation.** We are thrilled to share that all that hard work paid off and after 105 days, she was able to return home to Richmond.

"Thank you to the Baer-Harts for sponsoring us. Without you I would have been lost." -Victoria



## Raymond



Raymond "Gabe" Bray passed July 5th after battling leukemia. His infectious smile and odd sense of humor kept the doctors and nurses on their toes! He loved Legos, learning, was an avid video gamer and loved his friends and brother, Destin, dearly! Gabe would have started his senior year on his 18th birthday this year-August 8. He had plans to go to culinary school following graduation.

Gabe's family recently stayed with Yellow Door at Tommy's Place. Our hearts are with the family during this sad time. The family set up a Go Fund Me page to help make **Gabe's final wish come true. He wanted his ashes spread in the ocean off Oahu, Hawaii where he was born.** The link is provided below if you are able to help Gabe get to Hawaii.

**GO FUND ME Link** 

# Catching Up with Priscilla & Gabe



**GABE:** Gabriel was diagnosed with Leukemia in September 2019 and received his final chemotherapy this past January. His family stayed at our VOGA Apartment for 39 days in 2020. The family has added a new baby girl since their time at Yellow Door.

Dad said: "He's doing fantastic! He's has had no significant side effects from chemotherapy...He will continue to be monitored through labs and visits with the oncologist for another five years. We're so grateful for your foundation for helping us!" mom stayed with at our Dreamer Apartment for 55 days in 2019. Priscilla required a liver transplant to treat a disease that took the life of her older sister. She will require a follow up surgery in August so we hope to welcome them back.

Mom says: "Priscilla is doing wonderful. She loves learning and doing anything outside. Her favorite thing is pretending to be a doctor on her younger siblings."

Maybe we have a future doctor in the making?



Become a Key Partner: Make a Monthly Recurring Donation GOAL: \$10,000/month in recurring donations



As a valued member of our YDF community, we're asking you to consider committing to a monthly recurring donation.

This type of giving provides Yellow Door with even more financial stability on our path to a sustainable future, while offering you a new way to do what you're already doing - making an impact on the lives of kids and families.

We hope you will become a Key Partner by making a recurring donation today.

**Ready to Make a Monthly Donation** 

# Yellow Door's 3rd Annual Golf

## **Tournament:**

Friday, October 6

**Registration Open!** 



### **3rd Annual Golf Tournament** Early registration ends August 15th! Register soon!

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



Baer-Hart House: Dining and Living Room Yellow Door's 1st 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

### **Donate Here**

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