



Yellow  Door
FOUNDATION

This Month at Yellow Door

Meet Our Two New Families

Welcome Back to Two Previous YDF Families

Catching Up With:
Brayden, Maze, Mollie and Triston

Meal Train About to Leave the Station

Be a Key Partner:
Recurring donor update

3rd Annual YDF Golf Tournament:
October 6 at Old Trail Golf Club
Early Registration Ends TODAY!

Fall Raffle Open to ALL:
Charlottesville Golf Package



7,111 nights of free lodging!



For 85 pediatric patients



Along with 287 family members!



Families travel an average of 123 miles



Stay an average of 84 days

**Yellow Door Welcomes
Brida & Nora**



BRIDA: On June 24th Brida seemed to change overnight. The day before, she was a rapidly growing 5.5 month old, meeting every milestone, so happy and sleeping twelve hours a night. Then she just wasn't. She was refusing to nurse, projectile vomiting, arching, screaming and unable to stay asleep. After a month of incorrect diagnoses, it was determined her issues were caused by a rapidly failing heart.

She is currently in the PICU at UVA Health Children's awaiting a transplant, which could take up to three months.

"Without Yellow Door, I don't know what we would do or where we would stay. Our apartment is incredible. It's a place we can actually come back to and relax- something our own hearts needed so deeply after 2 weeks of living in a PICU room. It's a place we can recharge and stay strong for our girl. We are so thankful for this foundation and the Baer-Hart family's generosity."



NORA: At just six weeks old, her parents noticed a lump had suddenly emerged on Nora's left arm. They took her to the pediatrician the very next day. **After weeks of X-rays, Ultrasounds, an MRI, and a biopsy, they were told that Nora's mass was cancerous.**

Nora has what is called a round cell sarcoma, and the diagnosis of this cancer in such a young baby is one in a million. Nora began chemotherapy treatments two days after being admitted to the hospital.

She will continue to receive chemotherapy treatments in order to make her mass a more manageable size for surgical removal.

"We are thankful for the Yellow Door Foundation, as we will be spending at least the next year going back and forth to the hospital. Since we live out of town, being able to stay nearby is such a blessing."

Welcome Back Colt and Jadan



COLT: Colt is back and staying in Rosie's Place for a few weeks while undergoing radiation therapy for the next phase of ALL treatment. Colt and family stayed with us over the holidays after being diagnosed last Thanksgiving.

So glad we could provide a place to stay for Colt and his mom as he continues his cancer journey.



JADAN: Jadan stayed with Yellow Door in our Baer-Hart House four years ago when she received a kidney transplant. Recently her donor kidney began to fail, requiring her to return to UVA Health Children's. The family stayed in Tommy's Place for a few weeks while Jadan was treated. Jadan's rejection treatment will continue over the next few weeks.

**Checking In:
Brayden, Maze, Mollie &
Triston**



BRAYDEN: Brayden stayed with Yellow Door at Rosie's Place for close to 11 months in 2020/2021 while being treated for ALL. He is doing great and started high school. **Here he is on his first day of school...looking thrilled to be back.**

He has enrolled in a Web Tech, Multimedia and design class and technical drawing class in high school hoping to pursue a career in video game design or architecture.

Mom shares that they spent the summer with friends, watching new movies and swimming. Brayden was finally able to dive off the diving board, which he has been begging to do for the past two years. **They are counting down the days until his last chemo...March 1, 2024.**

MAZEE: Amazing Mazee turns 3 on September 19th. Mazee and her parents stayed with us at Rosie's Place in 2020.

Mom says, "Mazee is doing so well with adjusting to school. **She's so smart, loves to use big words and do puzzles.**" Here she is on her first day of preschool.



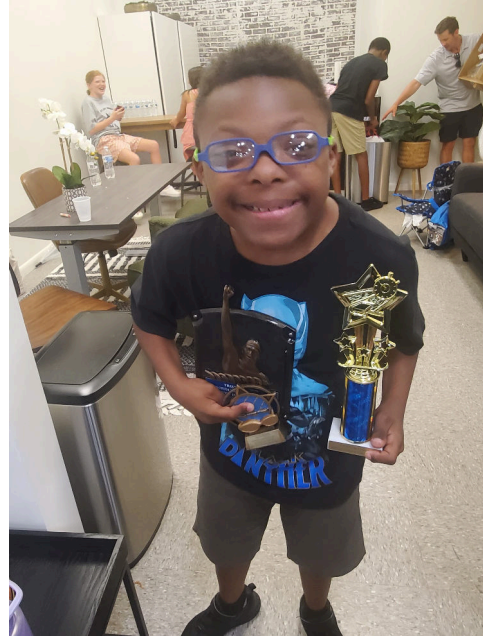
MOLLIE: Mom tells us, "**Mollie turns ONE next week!** Upon her return home back in November, there were still talks of an eventual heart transplant, but **her little heart has continued to heal and strengthen,** so that may not be necessary. Everyone is thrilled by her progress and healing, and we are so overjoyed to see her precious, funny, and

determined little personality bloom. Every milestone is an amazing miracle after all she went through, and we are so grateful! (And her big brother, age 3, still talks about the Yellow Door 'partment and all his happy memories living there!)"

TRISTON: Checking in on heart transplant patient Triston, who stayed with us last year.

Mom tells us, "*Triston is doing FANTASTIC!! Earned Most IMPROVED SWIMMER on the local community swim team!! Plus, was the top Popcorn Fundraiser earner!*"

Look at all those trophies! Way to go Triston!



Meal Train: Ready to Leave the Station



Another arm of the Yellow Door Meal Ministry is ready for take off. Over

the past two years, **YDF families have received food support through the generosity of the Emergency Food Network.** We have an amazing group of volunteers who order, pick up and deliver groceries to our families when they check in and once a month thereafter.

Paula added to our food outreach this past spring when she began securing gift card donations to local restaurants to give families to allow them to pick up take out or enjoy a night away from the hospital for a meal.

Our **newest arm of the Meal Ministry, the "Meal Train," is ready and will kick off in September.** Gretchen is the conductor and with the help of Susan, they have organized a sign up system for Charlottesville locals to provide meals to families. Our hope is to be able to provide meals a few times a month.

If you are interested in hopping aboard the Meal Train, please contact Gretchen: jandgmasselli@gmail.com

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.

As our costs rise and we work toward our goal of 10 apartments, you can strengthen your impact on the long-term success of our mission.

Please consider becoming a Key Partner today.

Our recurring donation option offers a new way to do what you're already doing - making an impact on the lives of kids and families.

[Ready to Make a Monthly Donation](#)

**Yellow Door's 3rd Annual Golf
Tournament:**

Friday, October 6

ONLY A FEW FOURSOMES LEFT!



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Yellow Door Foundation

Third Annual Golf Tournament

Early registration ends TODAY!

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!](#)

Yellow Door Foundation
**CHARLOTTESVILLE GOLF
PACKAGE RAFFLE**



Yellow Door Fall Raffle

"Charlottesville Golf Package"

RAFFLE IS OPEN TO ALL

Winning ticket will be drawn at the conclusion of our 3rd Annual Tournament, however winner does need to be present to win.

Package includes:

Two-night stay for two at Boar's Head Resort

Foursome with carts at Birdwood Golf Club

Foursome at Farmington Country Club

Over \$1,800.00 value

Tickets:

1 for \$30

2 for \$50

5 for \$100

[Buy Raffle Tickets Here](#)

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



VOGA Apartment 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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