



Yellow & Door
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This Month at Yellow Door

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lodging!**



For 93 pediatric patients



Along with 309 family members!



**Families travel an
average of 120 miles**



**Stay an average of
86 days**

"The Union" Set to Open in January



Boo and Sam are the generous sponsors of our newest apartment to be called "the Union." Similar to a student union used as a central gathering place on campus, our "Union" will serve as a central hub for our operations, support programs for our families and our meal ministry. The apartment will also provide us the capability to welcome back families for short term stays when needed for follow up care and appointments at UVA Health Children's.

**\$20,000 Match Update:
We did it! Thank you!**



These funds will play a pivotal role in the furnishing of apartments eight and nine. With the lease for "The Union" already signed, the flooring installation is scheduled for next week, followed by repainting. Once we secure a sponsorship commitment for apartment nine, the funds will be immediately allocated to ensure it too meets the stringent standards required for our immunocompromised patients.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to our generous donors. If you are considering making an end-of-year gift, please follow the link below.

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Welcome Hazen & Aubree



Hazen: We welcomed six-year-old Hazen and his mom, Stacy, to The Welcoming Nest this past month. Hazen is in his favorite spot nestled on the cozy couch. He loves his new Nintendo Switch, which was gifted to him by previous Nest resident, Helena.

Hazen has Rhabdomyosarcoma, which is a rare type of cancer that forms in soft tissue. He is in his 10th week of treatments. Mom shares, "Hazen has a large mass in his stomach near his organs and it's wrapped around a couple major blood vessels."

Hazen's five siblings will be joining him and mom at The Nest for the holidays.



AUBREE: The Baer-Hart House opened its doors to three-year-old Aubree and her family in early December. **Aubree received her new heart 363 days after her dilated cardiomyopathy diagnosis.**

Mom says, "It has been a rough year for the whole family with multiple ICU stays, differing answers and outlooks and a baby who didn't have the stamina like she used to. **Since receiving her new heart she has been thriving and healing better than anyone could expect.** She is learning new words everyday, gaining more and more stamina and eating so much food her parents run to the store every other day! As her body continues to acclimate to its new norm and stave off rejection, there is nothing but great things in this little one's future."

We are so happy Aubree is doing well. She will continue recovery through the holidays with Yellow Door.

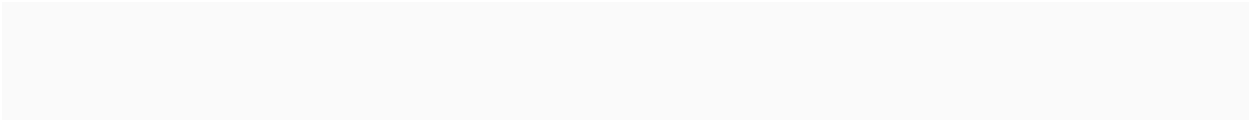
Mom shared, "Yellow Door has been a soft landing place for us as we find a new normal so far from home. The apartment has been such a great place for Aubree to heal and get back to her sassy self. Having all the comforts of home, we are settling in nicely and enjoying watching her run around and play with her toys. We cannot put into words how grateful we are for this organization and its generosity of members and donor's."

Checking In With: Helena & Chloe



HELENA: After a 310 day stay at our Nest apartment, during which time she underwent a successful stem cell transplant, Helena and dad Rob headed to Florida!

Helena is currently cancer free and continues recovery with sun, sand and sea as her companions.





CHLOE: Chloe and her parents have been calling The Dreamer Apartment "home" since April. This is Chloe completing chemo cycle 11 of 14. She has done fantastic so far! Chloe has endured some side effects that have altered her treatment schedule. However, mom shares on social media that there have been very minimal side effects this time for which they are so thankful.

Recently, the nurses brought her a badge and asked Chloe to join their team. She was more than a little bit thrilled! **She's now an honorary RN!**

Community Outreach Events: Thank you to Starr Hill Brewery



Cheers to Charity raised \$372 for Yellow Door! Thank you to Starr Hill Brewery at the Dairy Market who chose Yellow Door as their November

charity. And thank you to everyone who made it out to our Happy Hour on November 30. We had a great time seeing old and new friends!

Make sure to check our website regularly for the next Yellow Door Community event!



Shenvalee Golf Club Teddy Bear Tournament



The third annual Teddy Bear Golf Tournament, held at Shenvalee Golf Club and organized by Justin Harpine, took place on Saturday, December 2. The event supports Yellow Door families, patients at UVA Health Children's, and other local non-profits by generously donating stuffed animals and Lego sets collected through tournament registrations.

This year's initiative, which included collection points across the Harrisonburg area, resulted in the donation of over 1,000 toys. These gifts

will be distributed to Yellow Door families, hospital patients, and other non-profits dedicated to supporting children.

A special acknowledgment goes to Lakeside Books and the Fraternal Order of Eagles for sponsoring the event, contributing a total of \$14,000 to the Yellow Door Foundation. The success of the tournament reflects the incredible and unwavering support from the golfers and the entire Harrisonburg community, showcasing their dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of children. We express our heartfelt gratitude for the continued generosity and commitment demonstrated every year during this remarkable event.



New Blog Coming January:

"Postcards"



Starting in the new year, Yellow Door will deliver updates twice a month. Because of all the exciting things happening, our once a month e-newsletters are getting long, and we don't want our YDF Community to miss anything!

Our traditional "This Month at Yellow Door" will be in inboxes the first week of the month, and will have news about events, community outreach, volunteer activities and our local partnerships. The new installment called "Postcards" will be out mid-month. This will provide brief updates about current and previous families and allow you to follow along with treatment milestones, and all things happening with our families.

Be sure to be on the lookout for "Postcards" coming mid-January.

Meal Train Sign Up



If you would like to contribute your culinary talents by providing a meal, or arrange for meals to be delivered from a local restaurant, please use the links to the Sign-Up Genius below. We will have sign-up links in every blog. They can also be accessed from the volunteer page on our website. Please contact [Gretchen](#) with any questions.

[January & February Sign Up](#)

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GOAL: \$10,000/month
in recurring donations



Instead of making a single annual contribution at the end of 2023, we invite you to consider transforming your support into a monthly commitment. By becoming a recurring donor, you'll provide consistent, sustained support that empowers us to plan ahead, innovate, and tackle challenges with greater flexibility.

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Come Visit Us to See Your Impact First-Hand



Primary Bedroom at The Baer-Hart House

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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