



Postcards

FROM



Yellow Door
FOUNDATION

OUR FAMILY UPDATE BLOG

ADRIAN

Greetings



FROM ADRIAN

Dear Yellow Door Friends,

My name is Adrian. I am 14 years old. Here I am at my home away from home, Fox Hollow, with my dad, Andrew. My past time is completing Lego sets.

I started feeling bad in May, and knew it was something more than a diagnosed sinus infection.

Further testing showed heart failure. I now have an LVAD and a trach, but am getting stronger and feeling better as I await a heart transplant, hopefully coming soon.

♥, *Adrian*



Thank You Yellow Door!

To: Yellow Door Friends

GRACE



Dear Yellow Door Friends,

I am thrilled to share that after 107 days, I was able to return home on December 16 just in time for my family to spend our first Christmas together.

I was diagnosed in utero with Tetralogy of Fallot which is a rare condition caused by a combination of four heart defects at birth. However, I encountered additional challenges with breathing and feeding that led to a lengthier stay and a delay in heart surgery than first anticipated.

I am home now getting stronger every day thanks to the help of my Big Brother Wyatt, lending mom and dad a hand when needed.

♥, Grace



To: Yellow Door Friends

*Thank you for all your love
and support! XOXO*

Note from mom:

JoAnne & Yellow Door Team,

What an amazing thing you all have done for us and everyone before our family. Grace Ann was diagnosed with Tetralogy of Fallot when we were 12 weeks pregnant. So we knew we would need surgery but maybe not until 6 months or so.

Grace was born August 29, 2023. She had a complete blockage in her nose/sinus area so she needed surgery. We were overwhelmed and shocked. The day I was discharged from the hospital JoAnne had an apartment ready. So at two weeks old Grace had surgery and we thought we were heading home to enjoy our baby girl and do all baby things until heart surgery time!

Nope!

Baby girl got super sick and no one knew why. Coarctation of the aorta was the problem. So two heart issues meant open heart surgery was needed now. In the middle of watching my baby girl fight we were getting dinners and messages from people-JoAnne and sponsors really cared.

Yellow Door is as special as it gets! After 80 days in the hospital we got discharged so she could recover at the apartment. Grace is doing great and after all the many appointments we are finally headed home to The Plains, VA this morning.

This apartment has been the best blessing. My mom has stayed with us and my in laws have been here too. To be able to have our son Wyatt with us and space for family to stay here with him has been amazing. Wyatt has been such a trooper but he has enjoyed pool-time, playgrounds, basketball dunks and just being four (almost five)!

Thank you to all that makes this place a home in the most difficult days a family and/or parent go through and to have a warm place to bring baby/child back to when coming out of the hospital! God bless!

XO,

Grace, Wyatt, Randall and Rejane

HELEN



Greetings

From Helen

Dear Yellow Door,

Cancer is never something you expect or plan for. As hard as the process of getting chemotherapy is, I thank Yellow Door for your kindness, support, and generosity which has made a significant impact on my life and to my journey.

Yellow Door has been a safe haven for me and my family, it has soothed away our worries and brought comfort 110 miles from home. It makes me feel cared for, loved, and looked after by a community with big hearts which is unforgettable, and I am forever grateful beyond what words can express.

Your genuine care and compassion have touched my heart profoundly and I imagine many others. I am blessed and proud to have been a Yellow Door family.

♥, Helen



To: Yellow Door Friends

I am cancer free and headed home!

NORA



Dear Yellow Door Friends,

I enjoyed my first Christmas this year. A little over a week before the holiday, I had surgery to remove residual tumor.

I am healing well as my parents and I wait for more information gained from surgery to guide our team's next plan. I continue to laugh and smile through this journey. My parents hope to see me crawling soon- I really want to!

We all continue to be thankful for the accommodations provided at Yellow Door. Being given a beautiful place to stay has been such a gift during this difficult journey.

♥, Nora



*Thank you for the gift of
togetherness during the holidays.*

To: Yellow Door Friends

P.S. From mom: "Her progress has been incredible and the tumor is less than 10% viable which means almost all of it is dead! It really is amazing"

HAZEN



Dear Yellow Door Friends,

I am six years old and undergoing treatment for cancer. I have been staying at The Nest with my mom during my chemo sessions. With four sisters The Nest has allowed me a quiet place to rest and recover.

However, over the holidays it became a little louder. The Nest's three bedrooms allowed my sisters to come and stay with us which was a special treat. I loved having them here Christmas morning.

All I wanted was an Xbox this year and thanks to a secret Santa, I got my wish! I am so excited to play on the days between my treatments!

♥ Hazen



*Thank you Secret Santa
for my Xbox!!*

To: Yellow Door Friends

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