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TALES FROM THE POND

LILY'S PAD NEWSLETTER



“GIFT BACK” HOLIDAY DRIVE

It was close to six years ago when the Taylor family got the devastating news that Lily had leukemia. Just days before Christmas, it was certainly the last thing we had expected. Yet there it was. That terrible diagnosis. And with it, a month long stay at Banner Children’s Hospital at Desert. Our hearts were broken and our spirits at an all time low.

One day, Lily returned to her room after treatment to discover a wagon full of presents waiting for her. This random act of kindness brought so much joy and hope to all us. Just having that little bit of “normal” made all the difference.

When Lily was declared cancer free, our family vowed to continue to pay it forward to other families spending their holidays in the hospital. What began as a small fundraiser among the Taylor family has now expanded into the largest outreach program that Lily’s Pad hosts.

Today, we receive Wish Lists from Banner Desert and Phoenix Children’s Hospital of the most requested items from families stuck there for the holidays. We also get special wish lists from kids like Lily who receive devastating diagnoses just before Christmas.



WISH LIST ITEMS:

- Apple Chargers
- Sleeping Masks
- Spray Detangler
- Brushes
- Lotion
- Chapstick
- Deodorant
- Hot Wheels
- Legos
- Uno
- PlayDoh Sets
- Art Kits / Activities
- STEM Kits
- Slipper socks
- Hair clips
- Toothpaste / Toothbrushes
- Shampoo / conditioner
- Coloring books
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Books
- Puzzle books
- Blankets

Please join us as we “Gift Back” some of the joy of the season! You can purchase items off our Wish List, host a drive of your own, or donate funds for us to shop with. Regardless of how you choose to be involved, the Taylor family thanks you for helping us pay it forward and once again, “gift back” some of the joy and hope we received.

For complete details, [CLICK HERE!](#)
[Click here for the AMAZON WISH LIST](#)
[Click here to DONATE!](#)

ALL DONATIONS NEEDED BY 12/17/23

RETAIL PARTNERS NEEDED!

We are searching for restaurants, bars, hair salons, kids fun parks, hardware stores and more who would be willing to host a "Give the Gift of Play" campaign!

If you or someone you know are able to be a retail partner, please let us know! All you need to do is request donations on behalf of Lily's Pad and then let your donating patrons sign a "present" that you post in your establishment.

These campaigns are what helped us build Lily's Pad and now we need them to help continue to gift our families free play! [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TODAY!](#)



DONATE \$5 FOR PLAY!

Don't have retail space but still want to be part of the campaign? Donate \$5 (or more) and we will hang a "gift" in the window of Lily's Pad through the month of December.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE!](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to be a part of the Lily's Pad team, please [CLICK HERE!](#) See below for one of our volunteer positions. We also have specific cleaning projects that could be done by service groups.

CLEANING CREW

Sanitize surfaces, clean floors, disinfect toys, and fabrics and assure that our facility is ready for play!

- Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat 3- 5 pm
- Wednesday (any time)
- Volunteer Agreement Required
- Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

THANK YOU TO OUR HOLIDAY PLAY PARTY SPONSORS!



Our member events are made possible by the generosity of this community! Thanks to these great sponsors, our kiddos will be enjoying holiday treats, crafts, games and a visit from Santa at our holiday Play Party on 12/16/23!



Thank You

A great big thank you to our friends at Bogeys! The golf tournament, silent auction and raffle raised over \$12,000 for Lily's Pad!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 19 Gift Back Delivery to Banner
- Dec 20 Gift Back Delivery to PCH

More events coming soon...

