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# TALES FROM THE POND

LILY'S PAD NEWSLETTER



## LILY'S PAD HOLIDAY PLAY PARTY!



It's hard to believe that the big news we had to share last December was that Lily's Pad was under construction...

Now just one year later, our facility is open and has been serving families since August 1st! This December, we had the joy of providing our kiddos with a fun and memorable Holiday Play Party!

They decorated cookies donated by Chompie's Chandler, enjoyed some holiday snacks and tried their hand at one of our many craft projects.

Santa came to visit with presents for everyone and above all else, all the kiddos enjoyed some time PLAYING!

Thank you to our corporate sponsors who made this all possible and to all of you for helping us build this joyful space! It was a day to remember for sure!



**THANK YOU!**



# THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO GIFT BACK!



We are grateful to all who supported our “Gift Back” campaign. Each year we connect with the social workers at local Children’s hospitals to find out what their most requested items are from families spending unexpected time in the hospital. Armed with that Wish List, we head out into the community to collect those supplies.

Additionally, hospital staff will notify us if there are any families who will be stuck spending the holidays in the hospital and we do our best to fill some of their Wish List items as well.



This year, we received a last minute request to help a family the day before we were scheduled to deliver. Because of your kindness and generosity, we were able to cross off every item on that family’s wish list including toys for the child, shoes and clothing for Mom and Dad and gift cards for food and vitamins.

This community is amazing and we are so grateful for your support!

## NEW PROGRAMMING COMING IN JANUARY!

Beginning in January, we will be offering a monthly special event and an evening play party for our families. The monthly event will take place on a Saturday and will change themes each month. We would love to provide lunch and a special guest or activity each month. If you have a special talent (magician, face painter, singer, artist, etc.) that you would like to share with our families, please contact us! You can submit a contact form by clicking [HERE](#) or email [dawn@lilyspadaz.org](mailto:dawn@lilyspadaz.org).

Our evening play party will allow families an expanded opportunity to play outside of our daytime hours and will include dinner.

We are seeking restaurants who would be willing to donate food for approximately 20 people and/or corporate sponsors willing to purchase a meal for our families. Please contact Dawn at 480-576-7740 or you can donate directly to help us provide these member events, by clicking [HERE](#).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for some creative people to help us with our social media and photo memories. If you would be interested in taking pictures and videos at our events and helping to create reels for our social media, please contact Dawn by email: [dawn@lilyspadaz.org](mailto:dawn@lilyspadaz.org).



## UPCOMING EVENTS



- January 13 First Themed Saturday
- January 20 Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels at Lily’s Pad
- January 31 Evening Play at Lily’s Pad
- March 30 Lily’s Pad Range Partee Fundraiser

**PLEASE NOTE:** Events in **TEAL** are for Lily’s Pad Members or Community Partners. Events in **GREEN** are open to the public.