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TALES FROM THE POND

LILY'S PAD NEWSLETTER



HOLIDAY PAJAMA PARTY AT LILY'S PAD!



We celebrated our final monthly event of the year in our pajamas! The Lily's Pad Holiday Pajama Party was packed with fun! Families decorated gingerbread houses, played holiday games and enjoyed a visit from Santa and his elf, Deedee. We feasted on pancakes, chicken tenders, fruit salad and dessert, while sipping our hot chocolates. Every child left with a gift that had been hand picked just for them and all of our parents got a little special treat as well!



We are grateful to our sponsors, Tempe Diablos Charities and AC Pro for helping us bring these magical events to Lily's Pad and to the private donor who added additional funding to make all of the gifting possible. Axel's Army brought us some cozy blankets to send home as keepsakes. The blankets were gifted to us in loving memory of Axel, who lost his battle with cancer this past July. Axel loved the holidays, Lily's Pad, and everything fun! It was an honor to have him represented at our party.



Thanks to the generosity of this community, the holiday spirit was flowing and our families enjoyed making some special memories together! We can't wait to come up with some fun new adventures for 2025!



EVENT SPONSORS NEEDED

- (1) \$5,000 Title Sponsor
- (4) \$1,000 "Frog Drop" Sponsors
- (3) \$500 Event Zone Sponsors

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We provide play and emotional support to families during some of their most difficult days. Our facility is free for qualifying families, allowing us to serve every child, regardless of economic status. **Event sponsors help us to maximize our fundraising dollars.** We are kicking off 2025 with our 3rd Annual Range Partee on April 5th and we are in need of your help! **If you are interested in more information or to become a sponsor, please email Dawn Garza: dawn@lilyspadaz.org.**



2024 GIFT BACK

Thank you to all who contributed to our 2024 “Gift Back” event! Throughout the month of December, we collected small toys and comfort care items for children and their families spending their holidays in the hospital. With donated funds, we were also able to adopt a family and supply them with a fully decorated hospital room, gifts for all of the kids and gift cards for gas, groceries and food delivery to their parents. Any Lily’s Pad families stuck in the hospital on delivery day also received a special care package from us!

This is an outreach program that is very near and dear to the hearts of all of us at Lily’s Pad. Years ago, Lily and her parents received a kind and generous gift delivery when Lily was newly diagnosed and spending Christmas at Banner Desert Children’s Hospital. It has been our great honor to “gift back” some of that kindness each year with this program.



THANK YOU AHWATUKEE FOOTHILLS MONTESSORI!



The students and parents of Ahwatukee Foothills Montessori chose Lily’s Pad as the recipient for their Love Light donations. They shopped our Amazon Wish List and have helped to restock our playground and toy closet supplies! We are so grateful to this community for all of the love and support!

PARTNER NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT!



If you have never heard of the [Colton Cowell Foundation](#), you are missing out! This AMAZING organization gives once in a lifetime experiences to children in medical battles at their incredible “secret” bat cave.

On top of that, they allow the child to gift two organizations of their choice with a \$2,000 grant. We have been very fortunate to have visited the bat cave with several of our families this year!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE:
APRIL 5, 2025
Lily’s Pad 3rd Annual Range Partee
at Dobson Ranch Golf Course.