

JUNE 2025

TALES FROM THE POND

LILY'S PAD NEWSLETTER



BACKYARD BASH - INDOORS!



June is pretty hot here in Arizona so who really wants to play outside?!? We brought the fun of an outdoor picnic party inside with our indoor Backyard Bash!

Big thanks to our two game leaders, Taylor and Adriel! They brought the fun with games like ring toss, volleyball, cart races and more!



Our kiddos enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches and fresh veggies and celebrated the day with their choice of shaved ice from Bahama Bucks! In between playing, the kids found time to make their own pinwheels and paper beach balls before hitting the face painting station.



These fun events are made possible by the generosity of our sponsors. Thank you to Tempe Diablos Charities for their grant towards our monthly parties and to the VIP Foundation for being June's sponsor.

Check out our video from the event [HERE!](#)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



DAD YOU'RE MY SUPER HERO



We celebrated our Dads on June 14th with some special gifts, fun crafts and of course, PLAY!

We are so grateful to AC Pro for their sponsorship which allowed us to show our Lily's Pad Dads how much they are loved!



MEET PARKER!





Parker was diagnosed just 2 weeks before his 5th birthday with T-Cell Leukemia. It was October of 2024 and with that diagnosis came all the challenges and setbacks. He was pulled from school, which meant he couldn't be around friends and they had to be extra careful going anywhere (which was hardly anywhere). He just wasn't able to be a kid. One day, Mom shared her struggles with the PCH playroom coordinator and that's when they learned about Lily's Pad.



Mom shared that Lily's Pad, "from the start, and every day in between, has been nothing short of supportive, helpful, a place for play and an hour and a half of normalcy for kids with quiet time for myself." "At Lily's Pad, there is a community of families that just get it, they understand the struggle of missing out on the outside world. The kids and siblings that come all understand each other and they have the best friendships that get created." And because Lily's Pad brings in playmates for the kids, many of whom are actually in school to go into the medical field, parents can have time for themselves.


Parker loves all things Pokemon, playing with his sister, Blakelee, and the colors red and blue. He loves to play on his Nintendo switch, go swimming and watch Bluey! Parker and 4-year old Blakelee are the ultimate besties. They do pretty much everything together and share the same interests. Parker's family is so thankful to Lily's Pad for the events, snacks and joy that it has brought into their family. And we at Lily's Pad are so grateful to have met this wonderful family and to be able to give them the joy of play.






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MONEY MATCH



 <p>We have an anonymous donor team who has given us a challenge...</p>	 <p>If we can raise \$10,000, they will match it!</p>	 <p>We have until 8/5/25 to UNLOCK THE MATCH!</p>
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DONATE TO HELP US UNLOCK THE MATCH

HERE!

 **OPEN HOUSE**

JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

We will be open to our medical professionals, community friends, and fellow nonprofit partners for tours.

- Facility Tours
- Snacks
- Beverages
- Raffle Drawing

AUGUST 5TH
3 - 7 P.M.

(There will be no play during this time.)

- ## UPCOMING EVENTS
- July 19th** - Kenny Mac's Summer Splash Bash, 11 am - 3 pm, Dunk Tank benefiting Lily's Pad
 - August 5th** - Lily's Pad 2nd Birthday Party and Open House from 3-7 pm
 - October 1 - 31** - October Virtual Challenge

