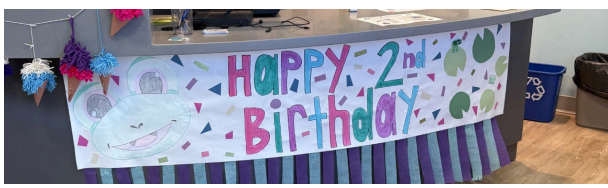


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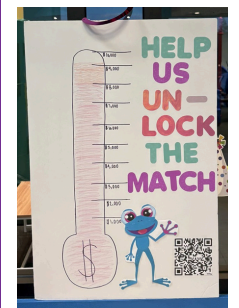


OUR BIRTHDAY MONTH CELEBRATIONS!!

On August 1, 2023, Lily's Pad officially opened our doors for play. Two years later, we couldn't have had a better **MONTH-LONG** celebration!

We kicked things off with an Open House for the community where we opened our doors up to all who have supported us through everything from building to playing!

To make the celebration even sweeter, our "Unlock the Money Match" campaign raised an incredible **\$27,260!** Even though we came in just a little shy of our \$10,000 goal by the end of the Open House, our donor team still donated the full \$10,000 and our friends at **AcPro** even added an additional \$8,000!



We finished off our celebration with a party for our members, where our kiddos made their own stuffed animals, played freeze dance with Princess Belle and enjoyed pizza and cake. You can view the party video by clicking [HERE](#).



Thanks to all who helped to make these 2 year birthday celebrations so amazing!

EVENT SPONSORS NEEDED

We are looking for sponsors for October's Great MOVE-A-THON! Sponsorships are **\$250 each** and include the following perks:

- Website Recognition
- Social Media Recognition
- Company Logo on Tshirts
- (2) Registrations into the Move-A-Thon

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MEET NASH AND KINLEE!



Since Nash and Kinlee are the best of buddies and almost always visit Lily's Pad as a bestie duo, it only seemed fitting to tell their stories together!

Born almost exactly a year apart from each other, Nash and Kinlee were each born with half of a heart. The condition is called Tricuspid Atresia, also known as Hypoplastic Right Heart Syndrome. Their valve didn't form in utero which didn't allow blood flow into the right ventricle. They both entered the world in a room with 17+ medical professionals awaiting their arrival and have been fighting since their first breath.

Kinlee underwent her first cardiac catheterization at 13 days old, another around 2 months and received her first open heart surgery at 4.5 months old. This began the process to reroute the blood through her heart and body, a surgery called the "Glenn". Nash underwent his first cardiac catheterization at 9 days old, with another just before his first open heart surgery, Glenn operation, at 4.5 months as well.



Each face a minimum of at least one more open heart surgery at an estimated 3 - 7 years of age. Doctors rely on their body and oxygen levels to indicate when that is needed. Nash's surgery is expected to take place in 2026.



Kinlee came to Lily's Pad very attached to Mom and Dad and extremely shy. A weekly visitor to our facility, we are watching her confidence grow and her socialization skills improve. Nash, on the other hand, needs no coaxing to hit the playground all on his own. Mom and Dad appreciate the safe space for him to burn his never-ending energy!

Now 2.5 years old, Nash loves water, playing with monster trucks and his pals from Toy Story. Kinlee, 17 months old, is big on MISCHIEF and adventuring, exploring and climbing anything she can.

Kinlee's parents relocated to the Valley with Kinlee's diagnosis. Nash and Kinlee's moms met virtually through a Facebook group and then briefly in the lobby of Phoenix Children's Hospital. The families now live 10 minutes apart and the two littles are "heart buddies for life"! They both found Lily's Pad through another local heart family and have been regulars ever since!



Volunteers
needed

September 20th, 4- 8 pm

Artisa Market and Beer Tasting
La Casita Recreation Center at
Dobson and Guadalupe in Mesa
ID checkers/ Wrist banders Needed
Contact michelle@lilypadaz.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

MORE INFO AVAILABLE AT WWW.LILYSPADAZ.ORG/EVENTS

- September 20 Dobson Ranch Artisan Market and Beer 4 - 8 pm, La Casita Recreation Center
- October 1 - 31 October's "Great MOVE-A-THON"
- October 4 Laps for Lily's Pad WALK-A-THON at Arizona Mills Mall from 8 am - 10 am
- December 6 J's and G's Golf Tournament

Lily's Pad

LAPS FOR LILY'S PAD

WALK-A-THON

FREE EVENT

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Fun Challenges Along the Way | Live Music | All Ages

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