

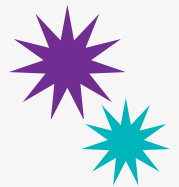
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# TALES FROM THE POND

LILY'S PAD NEWSLETTER



## GIFT-BACK 2025 HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE



On December 19, 2017, the Taylor family received the devastating news that 3 year old Lily had leukemia. Lily spent almost a month at Banner Children's Hospital fighting for her life. It was a dark time, full of fear and unknowns.

One day, the hospital door opened and a wagon full of gifts was brought in. Can you imagine the pure joy for a 3-year old?!? And for her parents - to see a magical moment come into their darkest place. It was the first of many times that we would witness the kindness of strangers and the power of community throughout Lily's journey.

Today, Lily is cancer free but the Lily's Pad family wants to Gift-Back some of that joy to other families facing challenging times during this holiday season. We are collecting toys and hygiene products to deliver to Banner. Additionally, we will adopt families facing the holidays in-patient and do what we can to brighten their day!

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Collect items on our Wish List and drop them off at Lily's Pad between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 pm Thursday - Saturday
- Shop the Amazon Wish List
- Donate directly to Gift-Back to help us provide a magical moment to another family facing the holidays in-patient.

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS!](#)

## LILY'S PAD HOLIDAY NEEDS

In addition to our outreach program, Lily's Pad has some needs of our own this holiday season! We are hoping to add some new toys to our playground, upgrade our crafting area and do some updates in the parent spaces. Our goal is to raise **\$2500** on Giving Tuesday, which is on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lily's Pad is a qualifying charitable tax organization so you can claim your donation on your Arizona taxes. Please consider supporting our Giving Tuesday campaign!



CLICK HERE TO  
DONATE TO OUR  
GIVING  
TUESDAY  
CAMPAIGN!



# FRIENDSGIVING AT LILY'S PAD



November was all about celebrating gratitude and kindness for us here at Lily's Pad! So, of course, our monthly party had to be for "Friendsgiving!" The kids enjoyed a variety of crafts including a modeling clay station and thankfulness posters. Everyone got to decorate their own sugar cookie and we enjoyed a lunch of pizza and salad. The highlight of the party was when we got a visit from Spencer the Turkey, who wore himself out playing "Duck, Duck, Turkey" with the kids! His crazy gobbling had the kids doubled over with laughter as they chased him around the playground.



As we celebrated with our families, we were reminded of all the things we had to be grateful for. Thank you to our families for sharing their journeys with us and thank you to this generous community for making Lily's Pad possible. And big thanks to Tempe Diablos Charities and AC Pro for their continued support of these monthly events. To view the video of our party, please click [HERE!](#)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers to help with our 12/6 Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at Stonecreek Golf Course and volunteer opportunities range from 7 am - 4 pm. If you have high school students in need of service hours, this a great way to get them!

To view the opportunities available, please click [HERE!](#)



### **Trixie's Prize Pull** ENTER TO WIN!



3 Days - 2 Nights at The Golden Nugget Resort, Hotel & Casino  
- Laughlin, Nevada PLUS \$300 in CASH

Premier Bogey's Basket - \$300 in gift cards plus, \$250 in CASH & assorted Bogey's items (shirts, booze, etc.)



Private dinner for 10 at The Herb Box Scottsdale  
\$1200 Value

??? Mystery Prize ???

**One Chance for \$5...  
Five Chances for \$20!**



Winners drawn on 12-6-25 at J's and G's Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Stonecreek Golf Course. Winners notified by text message. You do not need to be present to win. All proceeds to benefit Lily's Pad!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

More info available at [www.lilyspadaz.org/events](http://www.lilyspadaz.org/events)

**December 2**  
Giving Tuesday

**December 6**  
J's and G's Golf Tournament

**December 17**  
Donations need for "Gift Back" Toy Drive for Banner Desert Children's Hospital