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# TALES FROM THE POND

LILY'S PAD NEWSLETTER



## BLUEY AND BINGO'S PICNIC PARTY



It was a magical day at Lily's Pad when Bluey and Bingo came to play! It's safe to say, these two friends were met with much excitement and our kiddos had a blast crafting, dancing and playing with them!



Lunch was from Bogeys and featured mini sliders and grilled cheese. We finished off our meal with bomb pops and treats from the snack zone.

The kids all went home with bubble guns and Bluey themed gifts. This was a special one for us, as so many of the kids were so genuinely thrilled to meet these characters.



Big thanks to God's Kids and the Tempe Diablos Charities for making this event possible. Check out the full video of our fun day [HERE!](#)

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

This month, our enrichment programs included Story Bunch on April 17<sup>th</sup> and Special Saturday on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

We kept up our Bluey theme at Story Bunch with a story about Bluey and Bluey themed crafts.



At Special Saturday, we gathered at each play session to make our own stuffies and magically bring them to life!



We need your help to keep these programs going!

Please consider sponsoring one of our May or June Enrichment events!

**\$100 - Storybunch Sponsor**  
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# MEET OUR FRIEND ANDREA!



It is our honor to share the incredible journeys of our families! This month, we are excited to share Andrea's story with you!

In 2018, when Andrea was just 9 months old, she was diagnosed with an Optic pathway glioma. This is a slow-growing, low-grade brain tumor usually affecting the visual pathway. It has created a visual impairment for Andrea. Her treatment plan started with a follow up every 3-6 months, but in 2022, it was recommended for her to start chemotherapy.



This invasive chemo made it really hard for Andrea and her three siblings to do much of anything. Mom says, "It was a hard time for us as a family. We would get invited to do things and kindly have to decline for Andrea's health. Since she was immunocompromised, she would get sick easily"



In June of 2024, Andrea and her family found Lily's Pad. Mom says, "I remember thinking, wow, this place is awesome! It's somewhere where we can go that is safe and clean for my daughter to play. I was excited for us to get some of her childhood back since chemo emotionally, physically, and mentally had drained us all. We are so grateful for Lily's Pad and the amazing things they do for the kids."



Andrea is now 8 years old and has completed her invasive treatment and has had her port removed. Although she still has oral chemo and regular followups, her family is glad that she is now physically able to play. She loves the color pink, and is obsessed with axolotls. Her favorite foods include ceviche, tacos, and tuna. She loves playing with her dolls, crafting and making bracelets. She comes to Lily's Pad with her sister, Daniella (age 12) and brothers Alex (age 10) and Roger (age 3). Andrea is very lucky to have her siblings next to her, cheering her on through her journey, and we are so happy to be a safe space for all of them!

## THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RANGE PARTEE AND FROG DROP!

We are so grateful to all of you who joined us at Dobson Ranch Golf Course for an evening of fun on the range! Many of you supported us by donating items for our silent auction and raffle, or by giving of your time. Whether you showed up to play, bought items online or gave of your time and talents, you made a difference! This was our most successful fundraiser yet and it can only get better from here!

We had three lucky winners receive cash prizes from our Frog Drop and our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner generously donated back half of his winnings! It was a beautiful night and we just don't have enough words to express our gratitude!



## UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR COMING SOON!