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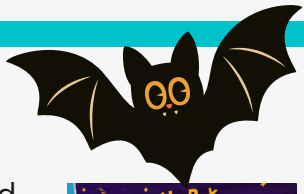
TALES FROM THE POND

LILY'S PAD NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER'S BOO BASH!



It was a spooky, fun day at Lily's Pad as we celebrated Halloween with our friends! Our families came decked out for the occasion and it was so fun to see all of the creative costumes!

Kids got to play fun games with our friendly witch who led them in witchy freeze dance and other Halloween themed activities. Our witch then helped lead the indoor trick or treating fun as well, where the kids got to stop at various places throughout the facility and collect candy.

From haunted house crafting to pumpkin painting, these kiddos got in the holiday spirit! We ended the party with some pizza and dessert and fun treat bags.

You can see the video of our Boo Bash by clicking **HERE**! Big thanks to the **Tempe Diablos Charities** for helping make this magic happen!

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER SPONSORS NEEDED

We are getting ready to close out the year with some great events and we could use your help to make it all happen! Whether you choose to sponsor a specific event, or just make a general donation to our Member Events, your contribution will help bring joy and laughter to medically fragile kids throughout the holiday season!

November 4 - Pizza and Play
(1) $150 sponsor needed

November 14 - Friendsgiving
(1) $500 sponsor needed

November 21 - Special Saturday
(1) $250 sponsor needed

November 25 - Story Bunch
(1) $100 Sponsor needed

December 12 - Holiday Party
(2) $500 sponsors needed

December 19 - Special Saturday
(1) $250 sponsor needed

Date tbd - Story Bunch
(1) $100 Sponsor Needed)

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

Hospital Trees - $300 each
-Phoenix Children's Hospital
-Banner Children's Clinic
-Banner Children's Oncology

New Skee Ball Game! - $350

To donate for member events, please click HERE.
For additional sponsorship opportunities, please click HERE.

MEET AUSTIN!

We would love to introduce you to our sweet friend, Austin! Austin has been coming to play with us for about a month now and it has been an honor to be part of his family's unique journey.

Austin was diagnosed with Wiskott-Aldrich syndrom (WAS), a rare X-linked genetic disorder that primarily affects males. It is characterized by a classic triad of symptoms: a reduced ability to form blood clots, recurrent bacterial, viral or fungal infections and and inflammatory skin rash. Recently, Austin was fortunate enough to receive a bone marrow transplant which cured his syndrome.

As Austin works on getting his appetite back and recovers from his transplant, he has become a frequent flier at Lily's Pad! Mom says that Lily's Pad has helped Austin tremendously by allowing him to come and get the play time he's missed out on all of his life while getting the opportunity to interact with other children.

Austin enjoys demolition (watch out block towers!) and taking things in and out (watch out corner protectors!). He has been enjoying going down the slide and discovering NEW things. His favorite foods are chicken, meatballs and sprite.

All of Austin's visits to Lily's Pad are shared with his baby brother, Sylus. Austin is learning to be a great big brother, sharing toys and anxiously waiting for Sylus to get big enough to play with him.

"Lily's Pad has given Austin the opportunity to grow and learn in ways he's never experienced before!"

We are so happy to have met Austin and his family! And although we look forward to the day Austin can leave all his challenges behind, we are going to soak up all the play time we can get with him for now!

Lily's Pad

TOY DRIVE

FOR LILY'S PAD AND BANNER CHILDREN'S AT DESERT HOSPITAL

NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS:

- *Play Doh*
- *Cars/Monster Trucks*
- *Squishmallows*
- *Baby Dolls*
- *Legos*
- *Transformers*
- *Disney Princess Toys*
- *Crafting Items*
- *Little People*
- *Sports Balls*

SNACK ITEMS:

- *Individual bags of chips*
- *Fruit snacks/rollups*
- *Bottled Water*
- *Juice Boxes*
- *Milk Boxes and Kids Protein Shakes*

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. Host a Toy Drive (please contact Michelle at 480-290-3518 to arrange for a toy collection box.)
2. Collect items from the wish list or shop our **Amazon Wish List: https://a.co/059LoObm**
3. Donate to our Gift Back fund and we will do the shopping for you! Donate **HERE**!

DONATIONS NEEDED BY 12/19

NEED MORE INFO: CLICK HERE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5, 12 and 19
Charity Yoga Event

November 30 - December 18
Gift Back Collection

December 3 and 10
Charity Yoga Event

December 21
Gift Back Delivery

MORE INFO AT LILYSPADAZ.ORG/EVENTS

Happy Halloween