



Transforming the lives of chronically ill children, and their families, shifting all from  
**surviving to thriving - until cures are found.**

Greetings!

I recently heard 2020 described as a 'trifecta of trauma'. It gave me pause - because it's true. We continue to live with COVID-19 & ongoing restrictions on daily life, the rapid onset of recession & record unemployment, and protesting against police brutality & systemic racism. Regardless of who we are, not one of us is immune from the crises in the world around us.

Can you imagine *also* adding the pain, struggle, and special needs of a chronically ill child? Most would break. But Bounce Families don't - because they can't. You never give up on your kids. *Somehow* you find what it takes to press on. That 'what' is Bounce.

There's not much to celebrate these days, so let's not forget what there is. Thanks to you Bounce will soon celebrate 5 years of transforming lives and creating the shift from surviving to thriving. What better time to look back to one of our first success stories, Jahrel who keeps overcoming Sickle Cell Anemia. What better time to reaffirm our commitment to all Bounce Families. What better time to pivot to new program and fundraising strategies. Together we will withstand the trifecta, ensuring Bounce Families continue to: Stay Safe. Stay Strong. Bounce!

Joan M. Steltmann  
Chief Executive Officer

## Bounce Virtual 5K a Big Success

A HUGE thanks to everyone who participated in our first Virtual 5K!  
Because of you, we raised nearly \$3,000!



Congratulations to  
iPad raffle winner:

**Alicia Spoehr!**

**Meet New Emerging Leader Board Member,  
Nicole Hendry**

Nicole Hendry serves as Senior Director of Corporate Finance & Capital Markets at Aon where she is primarily responsible for developing the company's global funding strategy, optimizing overall cost of capital, and driving capital allocation decisions which maximize returns and create long-term shareholder value. She has played key roles in the company's \$4.3 billion sale of its benefits outsourcing business to private equity firm Blackstone in 2017 and pending \$80 billion business combination with Willis Towers Watson. Prior to joining Aon in 2015, Nicole held various finance and accounting roles at McDonald's Corporation and Motorola Mobility. Nicole holds an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and a bachelor's degree in Finance and Marketing from DePaul University.



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## *In His Own Words*

Bounce Kiddo, Jahrel, says it helps to meet other kids battling Sickle Cell Anemia and other chronic illnesses.

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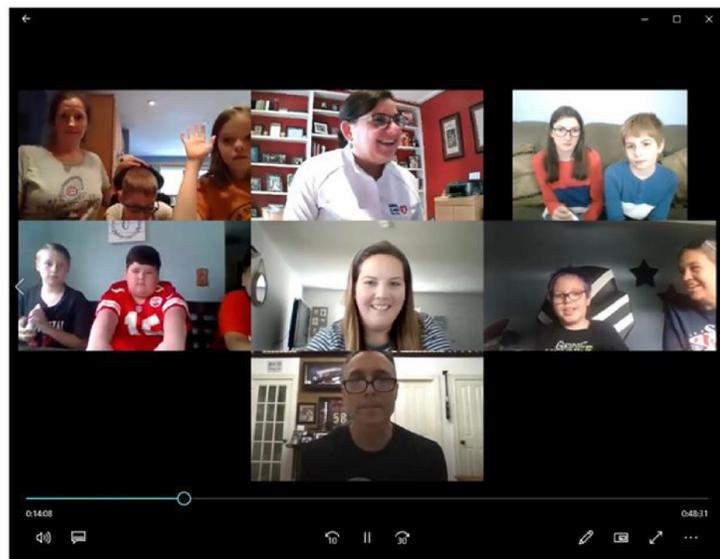
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## Virtual *Bounce It Forward* event with UMPS CARE

Four Bounce Families were invited to a private zoom with an MLB Umpire

"It was a nice baseball fix since I've been missing playing baseball this year. It gave me something to look forward to while having to stay home."

- Kevin, Bounce Sibling



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## Committed to shifting all from surviving to thriving

**Disease does not discriminate.** Children of all races, ethnicities, religious beliefs, and socioeconomic standing face the challenge of chronic illness on a daily basis. Bounce Children's Foundation® exists to be there for all children affected by chronic illness, and for all their loved ones. Bounce condemns racism, oppression, exclusion, and violence against any person.

**Bounce proudly stands in solidarity with the Black Community, with the 53% of Bounce families who are of color, and with everyone who demands equality, freedom, and opportunity for all.**

Just as all kids – including the nearly 1 in 5 battling a medical condition for which there is no cure - deserve to be “just kids”, all people deserve respect, dignity, and inclusion. Bounce is committed to reflecting the diverse community we serve in the composition of our staff, volunteers, and partners. We pledge to accelerate our progress to become better allies and advocates for both those we serve as well as the broader community, shifting all from surviving to thriving.



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**Bounce is looking for an Operations Coordinator**

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