



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

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Greetings!

September = back-to-school, happily referred to by many parents as "back-to-normal"

But this year, September, like everything in 2020, is anything but normal.

The global pandemic continues to disproportionately impact families raising children with chronic illness. Heightened fear of contagion and relentless restrictions on daily life are just the beginning of their COVID-19 reality.

Economic impact hits even harder when you face enormous, ongoing medical bills. The ability to push forward falters when you've been up all night caregiving because your child's night nurse caught the virus. Learning via Zoom is hard, accessing school-based special services is impossible. Physical, medical, and developmental regression are inevitable when in-home therapists he/she can't step foot inside.

Oh, and now parents must also be teachers for all of their children as well.

Suddenly my COVID-19 reality doesn't look so bad. And, suddenly distraction, connecting, resilience, isn't a luxury, it's a vital necessity.

As parents of sick kids know, Bounce isn't just fun, it's an antidote for their extremely 'anything but normal' reality.

Stay safe. Stay strong. Bounce!

Joan M. Steltmann  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Bets For Bounce

Virtual Poker Tournament

Wednesday, October 7th, 7:30pm - 10:30pm



A virtual poker tournament to benefit the children & families of Bounce Children's Foundation®

Re-announcing our first ever Virtual Poker Tournament!  
Escape to the casino, contribute to a great cause, and never leave home!

Register Today!

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## Virtual *Bounce it Forward*® Meet & Greet with Chicago Bears Chairman McCaskey & Staley the Bear

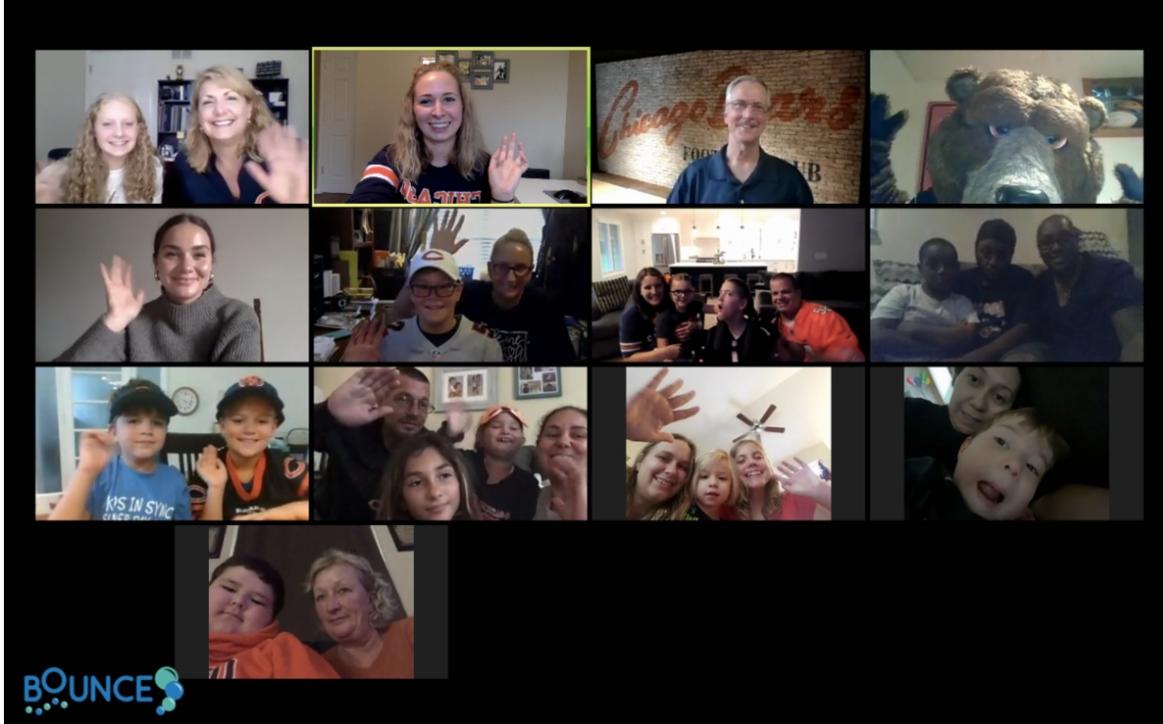
Chicago Bears Chairman Mr. McCaskey joined Bounce Families last week to chat about the team before the season opening. Staley the Bear joined the video chat to share his dance moves and jokes! Families learned about the Chicago Bears history and had the chance to ask Mr. McCaskey and Staley questions.



*We have been locked down since March, since Zack is high-risk. The boys have not had play dates or a lot of social interaction.*

*This was a fun break and an awesome experience!*

~ Caroline, Bounce Mom



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## Virtual Best Bites for Bounce Family Style

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday,  
November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Featuring, two-time winner and  
Land-O-Lakes Corporate Chef  
Mr. Jim Churches, CEC

Cook along side the chef while learning some  
of his amazing secrets of culinary success

## Virtual *Bounce it Forward*<sup>®</sup> Meet & Greet with Author, Rebecca J. Gomez

Bounce Families were treated to a private reading of *Federico and the Wolf*, a Mexican American adaptation of *Little Red Riding Hood*. Each family received a signed copy of the book and kids and parents asked the author lots of questions about her motivation for the story.



*Felipe identified with Federico right away!*



*His name starts with the same letter, and they look alike.*

*We liked how Federico was very brave and very smart!*

~ Karina, Bounce Mom



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## Mark Your Calendar:



Celebrating the Grand Opening of its Deerfield location, Jersey Mike's will donate to Bounce for every order between 9/30 - 10/4.

## Delicious way to make a Difference!

## Volunteer Opportunities:

### Altar'd State Greeter for "Mission Monday"

9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12

Greeting shoppers at Altar'd State in Deer Park on Mission Monday will allow you to share your passion for helping Bounce Kiddos! You still have time to sign up!

[Altar'd State Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

## Pack "Welcome to Bounce" *Bounce Back Kits*

We need volunteers to help pack 100 new welcome kits! These care packages are the perfect introduction to Bounce and provide vital distraction to Bounce families during the ongoing pandemic.

Packing can be done on-site or remotely anytime before 10/15.

[Bounce Back Kit Packing Sign-Up](#)

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## Recent Awards & Accreditations!

Proud to be  
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year by

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Proud to have earned  
highest rating for 3rd  
straight year:

Guidestar Platinum



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