



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!

When is a party more than a just a party?

Before we answer that, what do we ask every kid, virtually everyday for a month, starting on October 1st?

Exactly, "What are you going to be for Halloween?"

What if the answer is "Nothing, I'm too sick to go Trick-or-Treating outside?"

What if the answer is "Nothing, my brother/sister is too sick to go out, and my Mom & Dad won't let me go without him/her."

And, what if you are that Mom or Dad? What call do you make for your family?

Without Bounce, there are no right answers - and the entire family is reminded, over and over, that they aren't 'normal', that they don't fit in, that life revolves around chronic pediatric illness....

With Bounce, there is an inclusive, accessible event that provides the right answer - for all - and that's when a party is A LOT more than just a party!

Joan M. Steltmann  
Chief Executive Officer

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## **Virtual *Bounce Bash*® Halloween Hoopla**

Bounce Families are looking forward to a SPOOK-tacular virtual Bounce Bash® Halloween Hoopla on October 31<sup>st</sup>. In 'fangtastic' costumes they will enjoy a virtual event filled with online activities, including Trick-or-Treating, Ghostly Games, Boo Bingo and Creepy Crafts.

IT'S A SPOOKTACULAR CELEBRATION!

VIRTUAL  
HALLOWEEN  
HOOPLA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 2-3PM  
— VIA ZOOM —



*Before You Shop, Sign Up to Support!*

**Amazon Prime Day**  
**October 13 & 14**  
**Save with great deals and support**  
**Bounce with Amazon Smile**

A graphic featuring a multi-colored rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) with a white outline, set against a blue background. Above the rainbow are two strings of white bunting flags with blue and green triangular pennants.

**Shop with Amazon Smile and help**  
**support Bounce Children's Foundation**  
*Available in the Amazon Shopping app on iOS and Android*  
*mobile devices.*

***Bounce Bash<sup>®</sup>***  
***Goebbert's Pumpkin Farm***

Thank you **Goebbert's Pumpkin Farm** for welcoming nearly 300 Bounce Kiddos, Siblings,

and Parents! Families enjoyed exploring fun activities like the Pumpkin Eating Dinosaur, the Giant Pumpkin Slide, and the new Carousel.



*Thank you to EVERYONE who made this event possible.*

*My boys have been out of school since March.*

*While (my child) cannot communicate with us, I KNOW he took everything in-like a breath of fresh air.*

*-Karen, Bounce Mom*



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**Virtual Best Bites**

# for Bounce

## Family Style Cook Along

Wed, November 11th

Join two-time Best Bites  
Champion & Land-O-Lakes

Corporate Chef, Mr. Jim Churches, CEC, CCA, AAC  
in cooking a family style meal  
and learn some of his amazing secrets of culinary success!

Can't Join Us? You can also sponsor a Bounce Family!



Register Your Family

Sponsor a Bounce Family

## Welcome Fall Interns!



**Angela McCann-Williams**

Originally from sunny Los Angeles, Angela is a senior at Loyola University Chicago studying both Psychology and Social Work. She is looking forward to gaining experience at Bounce, while also paying it forward to help families in the same way she was helped as a child.



**Elena Mueller**

Originally from Gibsonia, PA, Elena is a senior studying Human Resources at Quinlan School of Business at Loyola University Chicago. She plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career in health care. Elena believes in the Bounce mission and hopes to gain valuable skills from her internship.



**Hazel Nicole Oreta**

Originally from Plainfield, Hazel is a senior at Loyola University Chicago studying Biology on the Pre-Medicine track. She hopes to pursue a career in pediatric medicine and continue bettering the lives of families and children. Hazel looks forward to being a part of that shift from surviving to thriving!

## Special Thanks to a Special Volunteer!

**Mithali Rai**

Mithali's passion for helping others is the



driving force behind her ongoing work to maintain and enhance Bounce's website.

She earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science from Mumbai University in India. Prior to volunteering for Bounce, she was a Senior S/W Engineer at e-Emphasys Technologies in India and has 9 years of experience in software design and development. She and her husband live in Raleigh, NC where she is also exploring other creative endeavors. Thanks Mithali!

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## Bets for Bounce A Virtual Poker Tournament



Hats off to everyone who was 'all in' for Bounce. Thanks to your support, we raised more than \$3,000 in our first-ever virtual poker tournament to benefit Bounce kids/families!

It was so much fun that players asked for another one - stay tuned!



### Upcoming *Bounce It Forward*® Meet & Greet with Andrew Benintendi

This virtual *Bounce It Forward*® with Boston Red Sox Outfielder "Benni" Benintendi will give Bounce Families a rare glimpse into life as a Major League baseball player.

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## Volunteer Opportunities:

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

We need help getting ready to pack 100 new welcome kits!

These family care packages are the perfect introduction to Bounce and provide a much needed distraction to Bounce families during the ongoing pandemic.



Work can be done on-site or remotely.

[Volunteer Sign Up Form](#)

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**Want to see Bounce in action from the safety of your home?**

**Check These Out!**

[Bounce Bash Video](#)

[Bounce Back Kits Video](#)

[Bounce It Forward Video](#)

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