



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

Greetings!

Happy New Year!

It's tempting to think, "We did it – we survived 2020!" Thankfully that's true, but it's not enough. The bar must be set higher. We all need – and deserve - to thrive.

That bears repeating, *everyone* deserves the opportunity to thrive.

To ensure Bounce thrives, that is to ensure *Bounce transforms the lives of even more chronically ill children, and their loved ones, creating the shift from simply surviving to truly thriving*, we resolve to spend 2021:

1. **ENROLLING** every family - every Kiddo, Sibling, Parent - who reaches out for help
2. **LEARNING** from the adaptations required by 2020 and building on them
3. **EVOLVING** to meet changing needs by remaining flexible and responsive
4. **INVITING** you, and all who share our passion, to be part of the transformation
5. **ACCELERATING** growth by assembling the resources required for ENROLLING

Please join us in creating a happier, healthier, 'bouncier,' 2021 - so all can thrive!

Joan M. Steltmann, Chief Executive Officer

Milestones Reached at *Bounce Bash* Dance Party

Generously Sponsored by:



VIRTUAL BOUNCE BASH®

**SOCIAL DIS-DANCING
DANCE PARTY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH – 3:00PM

Bounce Families had a blast singing along with their favorite songs and sharing their best dance moves. Thank you to DJ Jason of Laser Sounds for leading Bounce families in this online, interactive Dance Party!



What Bounce Kiddos don't know is that Social Dis-Dancing was also great developmental therapy. One even reached a huge milestone:

Kyleigh is clearly very motivated by music. She's just started practicing walking, but only when assisted with an aide. During the Dance Party she officially took her first steps on her walker all by herself!

-Bridgette, Bounce Mom to 8 year old Kyleigh

[Click here to watch the video!](#)

Thank You Deerfield Police Department!

We are so grateful to the Deerfield Police Department for taking the time to make over 600 cards for Bounce Families. These cards were a bright end to the year for our families and spread a lot of smiles.



This really made our Family's Day! Just a gentle reminder to smile and boy did we need to smile!

-Christine, Bounce Mom



Welcome 2021 Spring Interns!

Jennifer Pollack, Graphic Design Intern

Jennifer is a Graphic Design Major at Columbia College of Chicago. Other volunteer work includes serving as the Chapter Advisor at the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

Rose Sperry, Program Communications & Graphic Design Intern

Rose is a Communications Major at Lake Forest College. She has previously volunteered with Special Olympics and Relay for Life. Rose is also a member of the Women's Ice Hockey Team at Lake Forest College.

Hazel Oreta, Healthcare Partnerships Intern

Hazel is a Biology Major at Loyola University Chicago and joining us for her second semester as an intern. She has also volunteered her time at ChicagoHopes4Kids and Edward Hospital.

Bounce Testimonial: Hazel Oreta, Fall Intern



I worked on real, impactful projects that meet emotional and mental health needs that exist far beyond the hospital room.

-Hazel Oreta

[Click here to read the full story](#)

End of Year Campaign A Success !

Give the Gift of



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our Give the Gift of Bounce Campaign! Your generosity ensures Bounce can say YES to 10 additional families supplying smiles, friendship, community, resilience, and much more

Upcoming *Bounce Bash* Family Adventure



Bounce Families will gather virtually for an adapted workout led by Katie, an Orange Theory Instructor, make a healthy snack, and practice mindfulness through meditation.

Many Ways to Give:



A donation to Bounce Children's Foundation will provide smiles just like these to kids all over Chicagoland.

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Questions? Please contact Campbell Haug: chaug@bouncechildrensfoundation.org

Videos of *Bounce In Action* from the safety of home



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