



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

Greetings!

As we mark the one year anniversary of the COVID-19 global pandemic, I am struck by the conversation about 'brain fog' - not just for those who have been infected, but also for everyone working to avoid infection. Thankfully there is a cure.

Breathe deep or meditate, even 2 minutes helps. Play a game or do a puzzle. Take a walk or just stand up and stretch. Listen to music. Most importantly, reach out, either socially distanced or via Zoom. Because the one thing that helps mind, body, *and* spirit, is connection. Humans are social animals, proven to thrive in communities.

Sound familiar? Of course, Bounce programs, from family outings and education to care packages and the online community, are all about connecting which builds resilience and accelerates the shift from surviving to thriving.

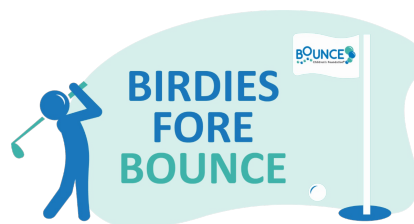
Do yourself, and your loved ones, a favor- make reconnecting a priority this weekend.

~ ~ And, to see connection in action, check out the Bounce 2020 Impact Report ~ ~

[2020 Annual Impact Report](#)

Joan M. Steltmann, CEO

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**



**Harborside
International Golf
Center**

Monday June 14th

Bounce Back Kit®
Read Across America Day & Dr. Seuss' Birthday

The more that you read, the more things you will know.

The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. - Dr. Seuss



National Reading Month kicked off with 'Read Across America Day' on March 2nd, also the birthday of one of our most beloved children's book authors, Dr. Seuss.

This reading and Dr. Seuss themed *Bounce Back Kit*® brought fun and inspiration to Bounce Families at home.

Thank you to our partners at Northshore Care Supply for helping with assembling over 400 kits.



"Bounce Back Kits bring us many hours of happiness and distraction from the tough times. "

– Monica, Bounce Mom

"Family fun night thanks to Bounce, donors and volunteers!! You sure know how to make us feel special ☺"

– Bridgette, Bounce Mom



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

Bets for Bounce

March 4, 2021

Thank you to everyone who joined our Virtual Poker Tournament.

Your generosity raised \$3,200 for Bounce children and families!

**Bounce It Forward® -
Online Meet & Greet with
Ninja Warrior, Jesse Labreck**

February 20, 2021





Bounce Families were energized by Ninja Warrior, Jesse “Flex” Labreck who shared her motivations and the challenges she overcame to reach her goals.

Thank you to Board Member, Amy Jones for sponsoring this incredible event!

“We are feeling very inspired! 🙌”

– Angela, Bounce Mom

“It was awesome to find out more about her, to come together as a family for a fun time, and to see other Bounce Families!”

– Cynthia, Bounce Mom



Welcome to the Bounce Emerging Leaders Board:



Molly Mathias

Manager of Mentoring & Inclusion Programs at Chicago Innovation, Molly oversees both the Women’s Mentoring Co-Op and Ageless Innovators, an intergenerational co-mentoring program.

Molly’s rich experiences have given her the knowledge, and insights necessary to advocate for more equitable and inclusive communities.



Karyn Lee

Director of Marketing at AllianceRx, a joint venture between Walgreens and Prime Therapeutics, Karen and her team are building the company’s market presence and customer communications.

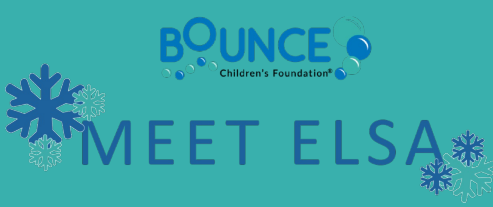
Karyn’s first-hand knowledge of how the entire family is impacted by chronic illness will help her advocate for Bounce families.



For the 5th year in a row, Bounce earned the highest level of Guidestar accreditation - a Platinum Seal of Transparency .

Check out our strategy, metrics, achievements, and more

Upcoming Family Programs



Virtual Bounce it Forward®

Elsa the Snow Queen will share her tale of becoming Queen and how she let it all go. She will lead us in a sing-along and story time.



Virtual Bounce Bash®

MLB Umpires, Baseball Bingo, and a preview of the Cubs & Sox seasons with Paul Sullivan, Chicago Tribune writer.

Become a Bounce Champion for Children!

Giving to Bounce transforms the lives of children facing chronic illness, and the lives of their loved ones. Now it's easier than ever to do so.

GIVE MONTHLY

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