



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

Greetings!

Don't you just love it when the underdog wins? When the one they say can't, does?

This past Sunday, Phil Mickelson became the oldest PGA champion. But underdog victories happen everyday, mostly without notice.

What does it take to beat the odds, overcome naysayers, and hardest of all, quiet inner doubts?

Mickelson reports he had to transform both his body and mind. I wondered which came first, which was harder. But as soon as I asked myself, I knew. I bet you do, too. You can't change your body until you change your mind.

Mickelson went on to thank those who made these changes possible: his wife; his brother/caddy; his swing coach. He was very clear that without them he would not be an unexpected champion. This time, I didn't have to wonder. A community of support, a group of friends and family who always have your back, makes everything - including the impossible - possible!

Thanks to your support, that's exactly what Bounce does. It makes the impossible possible for kids and families who don't deserve the challenges that life has handed them. It makes the impossible possible for the underdogs.

Don't take my word for it, read Michael's story below. And here's to beating the odds together!

Joan M. Steltmann, CEO



## Earth Day Bounce Back Kit®

Bounce Families received an Earth Day-themed care package filled with fun activities for all, including making "dirt" snack cups, planting wildflowers and painting birdhouses!

Thank you to our friends at  
Deerfield Police Department,  
Deerfield Fire Department,  
and Deerfield High School Student Council  
for their help in packing and prepping kits!



## Bounce Impact: Michael, Bounce Kiddo

"When I'm with Bounce,  
I totally forgot about my disease."  
- Michael, 11

[Read his heartwarming story here.](#)



## Meet Our Summer Interns



### Shannon Hayes

Shannon is a senior at Boston College, majoring in Psychology with a Clinical Concentration, and minoring in History. After college, she plans to pursue a career in psychological research or attend graduate school.

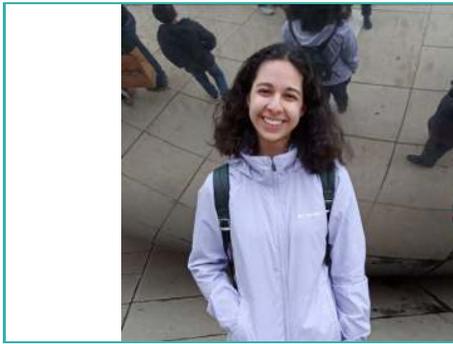
*"From the minute I read Bounce's mission statement, I knew I wanted to be part of this amazing organization and help change the lives of the children and families."*



### Cassie Ibarra

Cassie is a senior at Elmhurst University with a double major in Urban Studies and Spanish. Upon graduation, she would love to work for a nonprofit while also working toward her paralegal certification.

*"During my interviews, I enjoyed talking to the wonderful people on the Bounce team and saw myself being part of it. My values align closely with those of Bounce."*



## Alexis Heredia

Alexis is a senior at Lake Forest College, majoring in Digital Media. After graduating, she plans to work in graphic design at an advertising agency in Chicago.

*"I have always been passionate about working for kids and, after reading about Bounce's work, I knew it would be the perfect place to grow as a designer."*



## Birdies Fore Bounce Golf Outing

Join us for a scramble-format golf outing and dinner, regardless of handicap.

**With Celebrity Emcee...**

Jesse Rogers, ESPN Sports Commentator & Analyst

### Details

When: Monday, June 14th, Tee Off: 1 pm

Where: Harborside International Golf Center

[Golf Registration](#)

[Dinner Registration](#)

[Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

## Bounce Bash® with Imagine U Storytime

In this virtual *Bounce Bash*®, Northwestern's

Imagine U interacted  
with Bounce Families  
through engaging stories  
and fun acting prompts!



"It was so fun  
watching Tafa and all

the other stories!"

- Zack, Bounce Kiddo



Get ready...  
Get set...  
Go!

Run, Walk, Bike or Roll in this year's Bounce Virtual 5K!  
Participate virtually anytime between 7/10 - 7/17. Details coming soon!

Did you know you can check out past newsletters online?

Find them here!

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