



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

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Happy holidays to each of you:

- To Bounce Families who are the inspiration behind everything we do
- To volunteers who dedicate time and talent to our mission
- To sponsors and partners who generously donate
- To our leadership team who fearlessly guide and support us

As you will read, this month, like this year, has been filled with ups and downs. In short, it's had a lot of *bouncing*. But the bounce ups have been greater than the bounce downs - and for that I am extremely grateful. Each of you has enabled Bounce to shift the lives of chronically ill children and their families from *surviving to thriving* and start the new year stronger than ever.

Cheers to creating even greater bounce in 2022!

Joan M. Steltmann, CEO

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## An Abundance of Gratitude to



# WAYSTAR

for sponsoring and packing  
"Abundance of Gratitude"  
***Bounce Back Kit*** family care packages!

Thank you to Waystar for sponsoring Thanksgiving-inspired family care packages with an extremely generous gift of \$35,000 - and for their amazing team of volunteers that packed and shipped all 415 boxes!





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## What's the best way to kick off 2022? Join us for *Brrr-dies from the Bay!*



**TOPGOLF**

Sunday, February 6, 2022  
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Top Golf Schaumburg

We've got it all:

- *Heated Golf*
- "All-American" Lunch
- Hole-in-One Contest
- Raffle & Auction Prizes

Even roundtrip bus service!

... all in support of Bounce Families!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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## Volunteers Save the New Year!

When Omicron struck the 40  
volunteers slated to pack our New

Year's themed *Bounce Back Kits* just 18 hours out, it could have been the end of the project - another example of the pandemic's devastation.

But if Bounce Kiddos, Siblings, Parents don't get to quit, neither do we! However, with no volunteers in sight and the supply truck already packed, we had to find extra hands to help, and quick!



Three cheers to Women Giving Back, an amazing group of women dedicated to service. Five volunteers arrived at Bounce the next morning to help out our small but mighty team. With their help, all 415 kits—full of activities, crafts, education and fun—were packed between Friday and Tuesday.

The joy Bounce Families experience is the reason we do what we do. The reason we don't give up. The reason we pivot time and time again.

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## Looking to Get Involved in the New Year?

If you're hoping to up your service in 2022, Bounce is always looking for volunteers. From packing *Bounce Back Kits* and helping out at *Bounce Bash* family adventures, to lending a hand in the office and sharing your talents, there is an opportunity for everyone.

No time to volunteer? Donate tickets to high demand events through *Bounce It Forward*, sponsor a *Bounce Back Kit*, or make another generous contribution. We are so grateful for all your support!

[GET INVOLVED](#)

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## College Internship Opportunity

Know someone looking for a college internship? Bounce is seeking candidates who share our passion for helping chronically ill children and their families, and who want to be exposed to the inner workings of a not-for-profit organization. Spread the word and forward them this email!

***Graphic Design Intern***  
***Program Intern***  
***Fundraising Intern***

[APPLY HERE](#)

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## FYI: Bounce Program Update

On January 22nd, Bounce Families will have a unique opportunity to meet Larry Mowry of ABC 7 News and take a private tour of the news studio—all from the comfort & safety of home.

Mr. Mowry will demonstrate how he puts together a weather forecast, share how he became a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist, and introduce other opportunities in the field.

Rain or shine, Bounce Kiddos, Siblings and Parents are in for a real treat!



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## Resolve to Make a Difference?

There's still time to start the 2022 with that resolution already met!

Bounce is 100% privately funded, never charging those served and receiving no government support. That means it's up to us to transform the lives of kids and families who don't deserve the hand life had dealt them. With almost 1 in 5 U.S. children battling chronic illness, there is much to be done.

**CLICK HERE TO DO YOUR PART!**

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