



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

Greetings!

March is National Child Life Month, a month dedicated to celebrating the healthcare professionals who work day-in and day-out to ease the trauma of hospitalization for pediatric patients.

Our relationship with these incredible advocates—as well as doctors, nurses, social workers, and physical and occupational therapists, to name a few—is crucial to introducing Bounce to families who need help building resilience. To date, healthcare partners have referred an impressive 45% of all Bounce Families.

Bounce is proud to extend the Child Life commitment to easing trauma, and creating healing, beyond the hospital's walls. Partnering with the specialists in this amazing profession, we support, care for, and nurture Bounce Kiddos, Siblings, and Parents—shifting their realities from **surviving to thriving**.

Cheers to the Child Life Specialists across Chicagoland and around the world,

Joan M. Steltmann, CEO



The 2nd Annual *Birdies Fore Bounce*



Join us Monday, June 20 for *Birdies Fore Bounce*—a golf outing and dinner to benefit the kids and families of Bounce Children's Foundation.

Last year's sold-out event raised \$45,000. Don't miss your chance to join us this summer and meet returning emcee, Jesse Rogers, ESPN MLB Reporter.

REGISTER TODAY!

Interested in becoming a sponsor?

Meet Bounce's Newest Board Members, Perry Sweet and Rocki Hunter



Executive Vice President of Client Operations for Waystar, Perry brings decades of experience leading client management, services, and support teams known for breaking revenue and client satisfaction records. He has held leadership roles with leading edge technology and healthcare firms including IBM, Allscripts, and First Consulting Group. As a dad, Perry is passionate about helping children live their best lives, and he has always been committed to giving back. He has served in board and volunteer roles with Fargo Moorehead Crisis Center and Hospice of the Red River Valley. He holds both Bachelor and a Master of Science degrees in engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

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Rocki is a lover of all things brand, marketing, and advertising. She is currently Senior Vice President, Group Management Director at the global advertising agency, FCB Chicago. With almost 20 years of corporate leadership experience in brand, marketing, and general management, she is a results-driven marketing executive with diverse experience across a breadth of B2B and B2C brands, businesses, industries and categories. Rocki served on the Board of Directors for YouthBuild



Lake County and the North Shore Chapter (IL) of The Links, Incorporated. She received Bachelor of Science degrees in Mathematics from Spelman College and Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology as well as an MBA from Harvard Business School.

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MEET THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Two Years Too Many: Return to In-Person, Indoor *Bounce Bash* family adventures!

Thank you to our longtime partner, **Harris Theater**, for sponsoring our first in-person, indoor *Bounce Bash* since 2020. Bounce Families loved Manual Cinema's shadow puppet performance of *The Magic City* !!

Standing ovation for Meghan McNamara, VP of Programming & Audience, and Braxton Crewell, Engagement Coordinator.



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Q+A with *Bounce Program Intern*, Julia Aguilar-Pan

Why Bounce?

I've heard of organizations like Bounce before, but I don't know any that provide so many diverse services. That shows how much everyone here cares about what



they're doing. It feels amazing to be a part of an organization that is truly devoted to making a difference.

What do you hope to contribute?

I'm building on other's past work, adding my own creativity and perspective. In addition to helping kids and families, I hope to leave behind tools and ideas that Bounce can continue to build on to create even better experiences.

Any highlights so far?

Working on the *Bounce Back Kits* has been an amazing experience! We started from scratch, and it is so exciting to see how it's all coming together.

LOOKING FOR AN INTERNSHIP?

Gold Medal-Worthy *Bounce Back Kit*



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Bounce Families received Olympics-inspired *Bounce Back Kits*, including DIY marshmallow "skiers," cookie "medals," and a bobsled STEM project.

One family even used the Kit to motivate their Bounce Kiddo in his eating therapy, an exciting milestone for children transitioning from being exclusively tube-fed.

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