

IMPACT MEASURED: COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT

Receiving a diagnosis of a life-threatening illness for your child can be debilitating. The subsequent search to find your new normal is confusing and difficult. The Dagelewicz family didn't join HopeKids right away. In fact, it took them months after their youngest son, Miles, was diagnosed with Langerhans cell histiocytosis.



"We thought we were cruising along on autopilot with the 'easy' treatment," said Stephanie, Miles's mom. "Then suddenly, Miles had his six-month check up scans which led to more scans and more conversations."

A nurse quietly handed Stephanie a HopeKids flyer at an appointment. Eventually, the family went to a couple of events which were provided by the kind-hearted generosity of donors.

"I'm so glad the nurse gave us the flyer," Stephanie said. "We realized we might need more support."

The Dagelewicz's first event was at a family farm, which gave Miles and older brother, Dylan, the opportunity to work with therapy horses. A few weeks later, Stephanie and Jason enjoyed a much-needed date night at an NBA game courtesy of a father and son who donated seats.

"Consider that Miles can't go to the movie theater [because of his] low immunity--but he can go to a special HopeKids-only showing," Stephanie said. "The range and offering [of HopeKids events] is broad for all abilities and interests."

To Stephanie and Jason, what may be most important is how sustainable the program is in people's lives. Her family recently met Sim, a brain tumor survivor who attends HopeKids activities frequently with his family.

"It is refreshing and inspiring," Stephanie said. "Most of all, it helps us have hope to know that others are out there, that there is a safe place for us to go, and that there is an ongoing calendar of events when we need support."



*The Dagelewicz Family
(L to R): Stephanie, Miles,
Dylan, Juliana, and Jason*

YOU CAN HELP FAMILIES STAY FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE.

GET INVOLVED

- Interested in sharing your time as a **volunteer**?
Please complete a volunteer application at www.HopeKids.org/volunteer.

GIVE

- Have a **company suite, tickets, food or other items** to support our HopeDay program?
Contact Kimberly Trichel at Kimberly@hopekids.org or 480.282.3011.
- For \$30/month you can help provide a HopeKids family with an unlimited calendar of free events for an entire year.
Join our **Hope365** monthly giving program at www.HopeKids.org/Hope365.
- Want to support HopeKids with a **one-time gift**?
Donate online at www.HopeKids.org/donate.



HOPEKIDS ARIZONA PHOTO ALBUM

Snapshots captured at June, July, and August HopeDay Events

1. HopeKid Angelita and her mom, Dalia, at AZ Ice event.
2. HopeKid Brendan at Brimhall Pool Party.
3. HopeKid Brock during a hospital visit at Phoenix Children's Hospital.
4. HopeKid Brooklyn with Arizona Coyotes Paw Patrol at AZ Ice event.
5. HopeKid Hayden at Princess Party.
6. HopeKid Jeremiah at the Unbreakable Showcase of Strength power lifting event.
7. HopeKid Jovani at Brimhall Pool Party.
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8. HopeKid Kennedy at the Unbreakable Showcase of Strength power lifting event.
9. HopeKid Lilly meets the power lifter who competed in her honor during the Unbreakable Showcase of Strength.
10. HopeKid Seraphin, skates with her sister and mom at AZ Ice event.
11. HopeKid Johnathan at a Build event.
12. HopeKid Isabel with mom at Dierks Bentley concert in the HopeSuite.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOPE DAY PARTNERS

- Arizona Cardinals
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- Arizona Rattlers
- Arizona State University
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- Bob Wesolowski Photography
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- Courage & a Cure
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- East Valley Children's Theatre
- Glass Slipper Events
- Fox Theatre
- Jumpstreet
- Live Nation
- Live Theatre Workshop
- Mesa Community College
- Microsoft Store-Chandler
- Musical Theatre of Anthem
- Noah's Event Venue
- Phoenix Mercury
- Pinnacle Creative Arts Studio
- Rhonda & Nenos-Build Events
- Roadhouse Cinemas
- Scott Bates Photography
- Sea Life Aquarium
- Spotlight Youth Theatre
- Tempe Improv Comedy Theatre
- UltraStar Multi-tainment Center
- Unbreakable Gear
- Valley Youth Theatre



MEET PRISCILLA

15-year-old Priscilla lives her life always smiling and making new friends. She was clinically diagnosed with Costello syndrome, with an increased risk of cancer, at 22 months of age. Priscilla's favorite activity is playing baseball and she loves her Arizona Diamondbacks. Priscilla recently underwent major surgery that left her unable to move her lower half of her body from the waist down for six weeks. Despite her trials, she still always smiles.

"We [attend events] because we can have a good time filled with fun, laughter, and smiles as a family. It is a time without hospitals, doctor's visits, tests and appointments. Thank you for giving our family that HOPE!" - Michelle Lucero, HopeKids Mom