

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*

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On Monday, August 7, 102 golfers raised \$54,000 at Edinburgh USA in Brooklyn Park to help more than 1,200 Minnesota families who have a child with a life-threatening medical condition stay focused on the future. Seven on-course challenges including “try to out-drive Common Man Cole,” the Wall Challenge, and the Break the Glass Challenge created an unforgettable experience for the 25 foursomes.



In addition, Don Berry and Hilary Lunke offered a pre-tournament golf clinic for 36 HopeKids and their siblings, Common Man Dan Cole and Julie Nelson from KARE 11 news emceed the dinner portion, and the Palattao family shared their journey and how donor support has impacted their family.



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HOPEKIDS MINNESOTA PHOTO ALBUM

Snapshots captured at June, July, and August HopeDay Events

1. The Olson family enjoys the Shawn Mendes concert in a private suite at the Xcel Energy Center.
2. HopeKid Owen enjoys *Shrek the Musical* at Stages Theatre.
3. HopeKid Nolan and his mom fish on Lake Mille Lacs.
4. HopeKid Jaeden rock climbs at Suburban Adventure Walk/Run on June 10 at Spirit of Brandtjen Farms in Lakeville, MN.
5. Elizabeth eyes the cotton candy during a Twins game.
6. HopeKid Ryan a.k.a. "Roo" practices his swing at the annual Coleberry Golf Tournament on August 7 at Edinburg USA in Brooklyn Park, MN.
7. HopeKid Kevin and sister, Madi, pose with Nordy at The Hope that House Built Tyvek Time Capsule celebration.

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8. HopeKid Christian poses with his catch thanks to Let's Go Fishing.
9. HopeKid Jacob and his sisters at the Lake Minnetonka Boating event.
10. Patrick meets the life-sized, cardboard "Tom Lehman" at the Coleberry Golf Tournament.
11. Nora at Hope Rides Farm.
12. Madi trap shoots at Forest Lake Sportsmen's Club.

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MEET ROBERT

Robert is a kind and caring 6-year-old boy who loves and adores police officers and their cars. He was diagnosed with DiGeorge syndrome at almost 2 weeks old. The syndrome affects many systems in his body including, but not limited to, his immune system, respiratory system, GI system, muscular system, neurological system, his speech and much more.

“We have come to know so many families and make lifelong friends with others who understand our family’s journey. Our family can enjoy events and family fun without the worries of the public and germs, or the worries of the how’s.” - Trista, Robert’s mom.