

## 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*

## HopeWalk

MAVERICK STADIUM- UT ARLINGTON  
OCTOBER 7, 2017

7:30 A.M. TEAM CHECK IN/ENTERTAINMENT | 9:00 A.M. WALK

[WWW.HOPEKIDS.ORG/HOPEWALKTEXAS](http://WWW.HOPEKIDS.ORG/HOPEWALKTEXAS)

## An Evening of Hope: 50s Flashback

PACK AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM | FARMERS BRANCH  
OCTOBER 21, 2017

6:00 P.M. | COCKTAILS | DINING | SILENT AUCTION

[WWW.HOPEKIDS.ORG/TEXASGALA](http://WWW.HOPEKIDS.ORG/TEXASGALA)





# HOPEKIDS NORTH TEXAS PHOTO ALBUM

Snapshots captured at June, July, and August HopeDay Events

1. HopeKid Benjamin plays at the School's Out Waterpark event at Keller Pointe.
2. Victor E. Green hugs Chase at *Cars 3* private movie screening sponsored by the Dallas Stars Foundation.
3. HopeKid Natalie plays frisbee with her mom at the ERIC clinic prior to the Dallas Roughnecks game.
4. HopeKid Gabriella attends the Aquarium event with her sister just eight weeks after open heart surgery.
5. HopeKid Sara is enamoured with Texas Rangers player Mike Napoli during a meet and greet.
6. Newly-diagnosed HopeKid Reagan meets neuroblastoma survivor Cohen at Little Gym.
7. HopeKid Zoey and her sister, Shelby, at the LEAP movie pre-screening.

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8. Parents Natalie and Chris watch the sunset during a Grapevine Lake boating event for parents who have a child diagnosed with cancer.
9. HopeKid Sophie enjoys her first event at Legoland Discovery Center.
10. The Banda family works together to create tasty recipes at Taste Buds Kitchen.
11. Toby plays Head Bandz with The Hulk during Donuts with Dads.

# SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOPE DAY PARTNERS

- ShangriLlama
- Microsoft - Frisco
- Texas Rangers
- ArtReach-Dallas, Inc.
- Minis and Friends North Texas
- Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and School
- Helping on Horseback
- Noah's Fort Worth
- Merlin's Magic Wand
- Microsoft - Dallas
- Four Day Weekend
- Alamo Drafthouse Cinemas
- Dallas Roughnecks
- Seats of Dreams
- Artisan Center Theater
- Monnig Meteorite Gallery
- Taste Buds Kitchen
- Jumpstreet Plano
- Paws for Reflection Ranch
- Sports Marketing Monterrey
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing
- Plano Children's Theater
- AT&T Performing Arts Center
- TX Black Belt Academy
- Nasher Sculpture Center
- Dallas Cowboys Luxury Suites
- American Airlines Center
- WAY-FM
- LifeStage Theatre at LifeSong Studio
- Insperty
- The Little Gym
- Ronald McDonald House Fort Worth
- TopGolf The Colony
- Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge
- Live Nation - Dallas
- NRH2O Water Park
- Dallas Zoo
- La Hacienda Ranch & Mariano's Restaurants
- Allied Integrated Marketing



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"Now that Sophie's restrictions have been lifted, we are excited and overjoyed to be able to take both my kids out to all the events and have family time without having to worry about anything else. Thanks to HopeKids for bringing joy to her days during her stay at the hospital. The personal visits meant more than I can describe." - Sophie's mom, Norma



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## MEET RUBEN

Ruben is a typical 14-year-old boy who enjoys swimming, music, and horseback riding. Ruben has several life-threatening diagnoses, including a severe form of cerebral palsy and epilepsy.

"We go to the events knowing we are not going to be the only family with a child who is "different," and knowing we are going to be with other people who understand what we are going through. It is a relief to know Ruben is able to just enjoy himself without getting stared at or whispered about as to why is he in a wheelchair or what is that tube coming from his stomach."

- Rachel, Ruben's mom