

HopeNotes

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

PHILLIP S. MILLER PARK - CASTLE ROCK, CO SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

8:30 A.M. TEAM CHECK IN/SPECIAL GUESTS/ENTERTAINMENT | 10:00 A.M. WALK

WWW.HOPEKIDS.ORG/HOPEWALKCOLORADO





















HOPEKIDS COLORADO PHOTO ALBUM

Snapshots captured at June, July, and August HopeDay Events

- 1. HopeKid Sofia and her siblings have become the Rockies biggest fans!
- 2. Zayne gets up close with the alpacas at the Silken Suri Alpaca Ranch.
- 3. A parent date night at the Faith Hill and Tim McGraw concert is just what Heather and David needed in the midst of battling cancer with their 2-year-old son, Eli.
- 4. HopeKid Lauren and her family enjoyed a day of hope at the ranch thanks to Thrivent Financial.
- 5. HopeKids Daisy and Charlotte prove HopeKids events bring friends together through a private suite at the Denver Outlaws game.
- 6. HopeKid Joelle and her brother, Clark, perfect their golf swings at the first HopeKids Charity Golf Classic.
- 7. HopeKid Taylor ready to catch "a BIG one" at a fly fishing event at Lincoln Hills Cares.

Photos continued on page 3

- 8. HopeKid Malaki is thrilled to spend a day behind the scenes at Colorado National Speedway with CH9 racing.
- 9. HopeKid Urijah showed off his superpowers at Marvel Universe Live.
- 10. Fighting leukemia for the third time, HopeKid Alex is a true example of hope.
- 11. HopeKid Cooper and his family enjoy *The Lego Movie* under the stars at Red Rock Amphitheater thanks to a donation from the Denver Film Society.



Alamo Drafthouse Cinema **Allied Denver** Arapahoe Lanes Awesome Kids Who Care Bad Daddy's Burger Bar - Colorado Springs Bethel Lutheran Church CH9 Racing Colorado Rockies Denver Community Church Denver Film Society **Denver Outlaws** Denver Zoo DS Environmental Consulting **FELD Entertainment** Fort Fun Four Mile Historic Park Game Day Memories Golf Club at Bear Dance Kroenke Sports & Entertainment Lincoln Hills Cares Little Monkey Bizness - Colorado Springs MGA Home Healthcare Mici Handcrafted Italian Microsoft Sore - Park Meadows Nitro Circus Racers for Christ Red Rocks Credit Union Silken Suri Alpaca Ranch Sky Sox Baseball Sky Zone The Kling Family Thrivent Financial **UCHealth** Up With People











Z-Ultimate Self Defense

MEET KE'VON

Ke'Von is a very enthusiastic and energetic 9-year-old boy who is in remission from acute lymphoblastic leukemia. His favorite thing to do is anything outside, especially fishing! He loves sports and spending time with his older brother Keino. Ke'Von's favorite HopeKids events have been Monster Jam and golfing at Top Golf.





