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**A Quote from a Parent:**

A BounceBack Kids Parent says, "A positive part of the BounceBack Kids experience has been the networking that has occurred within the families. Finding ways to pay for expensive medical treatment is always a challenge, so sharing our successes with each other has been very helpful."

Dear Friend of BounceBack Kids,

I am thrilled to announce we have hired a new Activities Coordinator - Leslie Modlin. Leslie has written a brief bio of herself which is included in the newsletter. We are very excited that Leslie has joined our team -welcome!

We are offering a new activity this month -**golf lessons**. Two exceptional physical therapists from Duke, Eric Hegedus and Jennifer Moody, who are the founders of TEAM -Duke, will offer two sessions of 45-minute golf lessons at the Washington Duke on Saturday, October 3. We are delighted to partner with Eric, Jennifer, and TEAM-Duke; and we look forward to many happy times with them.

With this newsletter, we are changing our format to a quarterly newsletter. We will continue to send weekly reminder of our activities, and we will send monthly newsletters to our parents as appropriate. However, as we continue to expand our services and offerings, sending a quarterly newsletter instead of a monthly newsletter will enable us to focus on some of our other efforts.

Thanks to Linda, Neil, Kate & Megan Shipman for donating "BounceBack Soon" balloons to us. We appreciate this fun and particularly appropriate donation!

Hope to see you soon,

Lisa

**Highlights of our October-December Calendar**

Our calendar for the next three months includes our annual Halloween party and holiday party at the Emily K Center, group fitness, and golf with TEAM Duke.



To see a full list of activities, click [here](#), and to RSVP please email [Leslie](mailto:leslie).

## Ways You Can Help

Interested in learning about other ways you can help BounceBack Kids? Read on for ways in which volunteers can help BounceBack Kids and for items on our wishlist.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

- assist with group basketball or social & recreational activities
- assist with fundraising
- grant writing
- write articles for our newsletter or other social networking sites
- distribute promotional materials in the community
- speak on behalf of BounceBack Kids at events
- put together information packets

### Wishlist:

- small filing cabinet
- postage
- copy paper
- business-sized envelopes
- two-pocket folders

**Did you know** that a donation of **\$25** will purchase tickets for 6 children to attend a local sporting event? Go to our [website](#) to make an on-line tax-deductible donation.

To refer a child- Email [Lisa](#)  
To volunteer: Email [Megan](#)

## Leslie Modlin, New Activities Coordinator



"Hi everyone! I'm thrilled to be the newest addition to the BounceBack Kids family. Originally from Chicago, I fell in love with North Carolina when visiting Duke and I graduated as a member of the Class of 2009. As an undergrad, I volunteered at the Duke Hospital for four years, the last three of which have been with the Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit. I've met incredible, inspiring children and their families, and I cannot wait to get to know each one of you. We have the most exciting times in front of us, and I hope you join me on what will undoubtedly be a fun, meaningful journey."

## Second Annual Open House

Join BounceBack Kids at our second annual Open House on November 21st from 11 am to 2 pm. Learn about our programming, meet our board members, staff and volunteers. Activities for children and refreshments provided. Emily K Center, 904 W. Chapel Hill St, Durham, NC 27701. For more information or to RSVP, email [info@bouncebackkids.org](mailto:info@bouncebackkids.org).



## BounceBack Kids Finishes In Top 4 Percent In National CommuniCause Campaign!



BounceBack Kids thanks everyone who took time out of their day to vote for us in the CommuniCause campaign, a nationwide online contest to award a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization \$25,000 to be used for consulting services for social media and fundraising outreach efforts. Mindcomet, an Orlando-based interactive agency, launched the competition in 2009. "We are happy to report that we finished 58th out of more than 1,500 entries in the campaign," said Patrick Togni, president of the BounceBack Kids Board of Directors. "We are also excited to learn that the competition will be held again

next year," Togni said, "and we look forward to trying to break the Top 10 entries and earning a chance at the \$25,000 award. Thanks again to all of our supporters and staff who worked so hard to achieve this great result!"

### **BounceBack Kids Response to H1N1**

BounceBack Kids is reaching out to the parents and guardians of all BounceBack Kids participants about the H1N1 virus, which has also been referred to as the "swine flu." Recent reports indicate that children with chronic medical conditions are more likely to be severely affected by the H1N1 virus. In addition, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") reports that North Carolina is one of 11 states with "widespread" flu activity (in terms of geographic spread of both seasonal influenza and H1N1). More information [here](#).

### **Referral Process Feedback**

If you are a partner of BounceBack Kids, please help us out by filling out [this short survey](#). An email address is required, and we'll enter all responses into a drawing for a free tee shirt. We appreciate your feedback as we make improvements to BounceBack Kids.

BounceBack Kids enriches the lives of children with serious medical conditions and their families through free year-round social, athletic, and recreational activities offered in a caring and supportive environment that is medically-safe. Core programs include group and individual basketball, group and individual fitness, recreational and social activities, support services, and a college planning guide.