



May 2010 Newsletter

Hello BounceBack Kids Friends!

My name is Alicia Altmueller and I am the new Assistant Director of BounceBack Kids. I am very happy to be part of such a great program and to be writing to you in the May Newsletter. As I was preparing for my new position, I explained to my 7 year-old daughter, Klara, what my work would entail. She listened very carefully and after a while she turned to me and said, "Oh Mama, you have the third most important job in the United States!" When I asked her who ranked above me she proudly said, "First it is our president, then the second guy and then you!"

That should be reason enough to bring a smile to anyone's face. It worked for me, but to be honest, I was already smiling knowing that I would be working at BounceBack Kids. My job will entail a variety of responsibilities ranging from participant recruitment, event and technology coordination to volunteer coordination. I have been fortunate to already meet some of participants, their families and some of our dedicated student volunteers. I look forward to meeting many more of you at our upcoming events. In the meantime, I would love to hear from you. Feel free to email me anytime at Alicia@bouncebackkids.org.

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINI-GOLF OPEN FUNDRAISER

The Mini-Golf Open was held on Saturday, May 1 from 11 am –3 pm at the Falls Golf Complex, 8515 Falls of Neuse Road in Raleigh. Fun was had by all who came out and a beautiful Saturday. Not only did we have mini-golfing but we had snow cones, face painting and just plain old fun. To view some photos of the day – check out:

A big thank you to Falls Golf Complex for hosting the event.

<http://www.fallsgolfcomplex.com/>

Click here to see some photos taken during the event:

<http://bouncebackkids.org/thanks-to-everyone-for-supporting-the-mini-golf-open-fundraiser>

JAKE'S JOKE CORNER

For all those who have met our friend, Jake – you know he loves to tell you a good joke! His jokes make everyone smile so we asked him if he would be willing to include a joke for the newsletter. Thanks Jake!

Knock Knock,

Who's there?

Boo.

Boo, Who?

It's O.K., You Don't have to cry!!!!

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Calling all BounceBack Kids and their siblings, if you have a story, drawing or something special you would like to share in our monthly newsletter, email Alicia@bouncebackkids.org.

BOUNCEBACK KIDS FUNFUEL PROGRAM

BounceBack Kids is happy to announce the creation of a pilot initiative known as the BounceBack Kids FunFuel Program. The BounceBack Kids FunFuel Program provides gasoline cards to help BounceBack Kids families offset a portion of some transportation expenses associated with participating in BounceBack Kids activities.

While we are not including any income threshold requirements associated with participation in the BounceBack Kids FunFuel Program at this time, it is our intent that participation be limited to those families for whom assistance with BounceBack Kids-related transportation expenses truly needed. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Brachman at (919) 246-9100.

We are very grateful to the James S. and Grace H. Murray Family Foundation for their support of this pilot program.

SERVICES FOR BOUNCEBACK KIDS THAT ARE RE-HOSPITALIZED

We just want to remind everyone that if a BounceBack Kids Participant is re-hospitalized, we have some special services available. We have two laptops that we lend to children when they are in the hospital. We also try to find a cleaning service that will clean your home during your child's hospital stay.

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If there are other services that would be beneficial to your family during this challenging time, please suggest them to us.

If you are interested in our trying to help you in this way, please let Alicia, Leslie, or Lisa know.

Alicia@bouncebackkids.org, lesliem@bouncebackkids.org or lisab@bouncebackkids.org or call us at 919.246.9100

MAY CALENDAR

Mark Your Calendars and come out to the May BounceBack Kids Activities. All of the activities are free but we need you to RSVP to Leslie at lesliem@bouncebackkids.org. Please RSVP as soon as you know you will attend an event, as it helps us with our planning. Thanks!

WAKE FOREST JROTC FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 8 beginning at noon in Wake Forest. If you are planning to attend, please email lesliem@bouncebackkids.org.

BASKETBALL WITH MIKE:

Basketball with Mike, Saturday, May 15, from 11 am – 12:30 pm at the Emily K Family Life Center, 904 W. Chapel Hill St, Durham. Participants will get high quality basketball instruction that includes various basketball drills.

FITNESS WITH ARI JOINS PARENTS NIGHT OUT THIS MONTH

Whether it is a quiet read in a coffee shop, a stroll through a park or dinner

out - Parents, don't miss the opportunity for an evening out. Parents Night Out will give BounceBack Kids parents an opportunity for some adult time while BounceBack Kids participants are engaged in fun activities. Drop off the kids with us on Saturday, May 22 from 6-9pm. Parents Night Out is available for BounceBack Kids participants and their siblings who are ages 3-12. And this month, Fitness with Ari is happening during Parents Night Out. Ari will be joining us for Parents Night Out. Come on out and join the fun. Dinner will be provided. This month it is held at the Cary Alliance Church, which has a wonderful gym and very nice space.

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GOLF

We will have golf lessons at the Washington Duke Golf Course on Saturday, May 29, starting at 10 a.m. Eric Hegedus and Jennifer Moody, two Physical Therapists at Duke who founded [T.E.A.M. Duke](#) will teach us golf. Please RSVP as soon as possible so we can finalize our arrangements with the golf course.

FRANKIE'S FUN PARK

Join us for our end of the school year party at Frankie's Fun Park on Saturday, June 5, at 10 am. Details to follow.

PROJECT COMPASSION SPRING SYMPOSIUM On Friday, May 7, Project Compassion is hosting a symposium on *Growing Up with Illness; Partnering with the Pediatric Patient*. Project Compassion is a local nonprofit that creates community and provides support for people living with serious illness, caregiving, end of life and grief. Andy Ingham, Jake's dad; Neil Shipman, Kate's dad; and Lisa Brachman will be on the afternoon panels. The cost for a parent of a child with illness is \$45. Register online at

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www.project-compassion.org or by calling (919) 402-1844.

VOLUNTEERS:

It is that time of year, where many of our school-based volunteers are completing their time with us. We want to thank all of this year's volunteers with a special shout out to all the students that helped this year. Many seniors in college this year helped out – and a special congratulations as you prepare for graduation.

Thank you to the Basketball Marathon Students:

Co-Directors:

Jonathan Cross
Ryan Knowles
Roxanne Neumann
Jake Paysour

and the many Duke and UNC Students who make the Marathon possible

Thank you to the APPLES Students:

Anand Baxi
Carol Bledsoe
Daryl Ann Dunigan
Katie Marsh
Mitali Patel
Kristi Uffman
Sara Elizabeth Whelchel

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Thank you to the Mini-Golf Open Volunteers:

Richard Ball
Nicole Bolick
Amelia Boud
April Boud
Regina Bartolone
Sarah Corica
Hussein Elnawawy
Brittni Fowler
Jordan Harris
Cathy Hein
Dasha Karelov
Michael Kenlan
Nimra Khan
Alison Kirby
Monica Luthringer
Kelly Michael
Ellen Mincey
Scott Slack
Marcus Steele
Bhavin Trivedi
Kristi Uffman
Erin Walker
Tyler Woodsum

A special shout out to the **NC STATE** crew that responded to our call for volunteers.

VOLUNTEER VOICES:

My name is Kristi Uffman and I had the pleasure of interning with BounceBack Kids this spring semester through my service-learning course at

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UNC-Chapel Hill. From working on the display board, designing a monthly calendar, to meeting Jake and his family at a Parent's Night Out--it was a fun semester! As an intern, I not only had the opportunity to have more real life experience working in a nonprofit but I was able to provide assistance and develop materials that BounceBack Kids will be able to continue to use in their efforts. Though my internship with BounceBack Kids is coming to an end, I will take with me a great experience of working with a very special nonprofit. I enjoyed getting to meet some of you and I hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Want to volunteer with us? Contact Alicia Altmueller at Alicia@bouncebackkids.org

IN THE NEWS

2011 Duke-UNC Student Basketball Marathon Date Set!

Mark your calendars -- the 2011 Basketball Marathon will be Saturday, February 19 -Sunday, February 20 at Wilson Gym at Duke. We look forward to another fabulous event.

BounceBack Kids Selected for APPLES Community Partner Excellence Award

On April 8 BounceBack Kids received this year's UNC APPLES Community Partner Excellence Award. BounceBack Kids was recognized for of our ongoing commitment to service-learning and volunteer development. Click on the links to read more:

<http://www.unc.edu/apples/about/fruits/recipe.html>

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