



# Making an impact!

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**Providing hope, happiness, and healing  
for children with life-threatening  
illnesses & their families**



**A Kid Again®**  
Giving illness a time out

# A Kid Again creates an impact year-round on children and their families!

A Kid Again is dedicated to providing hope, happiness and healing for families with children who have life-threatening illnesses. Year-round Adventures give families something to look forward to with events that are filled with fun, smiles, and laughter.



# What we do

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A Kid Again focuses on the entire family to establish a supportive, ongoing community that complements day-to-day living and provides nurturing experiences. A Kid Again gives families who have a child with a life-threatening illness the opportunity to relax and create long-lasting memories. Their illnesses are forever—A Kid Again Adventures allow families to feel some form of normalcy with the anticipation, participation, and memories that help create their new normal.



THEME PARKS



SPORTING EVENTS



ZOO DAYS



OTHER ADVENTURES





## OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A KID AGAIN

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# What is an Adventure?

Adventures are opportunities to be A Kid Again—events where families can forget about the realities of the illness their child is enduring and create special moments together they may not otherwise experience. At local, fun-filled destinations, A Kid Again provides tickets, food, and parking for the entire family, giving them the chance to create memories that can last a lifetime.

91%

OF OUR FAMILIES REPORT IMPROVED  
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

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86%

OF OUR FAMILIES SAY THEY ARE  
CLOSER AND STRONGER

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78%

OF OUR FAMILIES REPORT LESS FEAR  
AND MORE HOPE



## VOLUNTEERS

A Kid Again has an incredible network of volunteers who fuel our organization and give their time to work with our families. The impact of our volunteers allows parents the opportunity to recharge, interact with other families, and create a network of support, which makes all of our efforts successful and deeply satisfying.



## DONORS

Through the generosity of our donors, A Kid Again is able to create a calendar of year-round activities and events where families receive experiences and services at no cost. Every donation to A Kid Again is multiplied by the impact it has on each member of the family struggling to care for a child with a life-threatening illness.

HELPING FAMILIES & KIDS

## What does it cost?



**\$1,540**

PROVIDES YEAR-ROUND ADVENTURES  
FOR ONE FAMILY

**\$385**

PROVIDES YEAR-ROUND  
ADVENTURES FOR ONE CHILD

**\$35**

PROVIDES AN ADVENTURE  
FOR ONE CHILD

## PROVIDING A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE

# It's what drives us

We strive to provide comprehensive, practical support for families to help them cope with the effects of a life-threatening illness. A Kid Again is able to provide families a positive experience that provides a sense of normalcy outside of routine medical care. Our generous donors and volunteers make year-round Adventures a reality; we could not do it without them.

### WHO WE SERVE

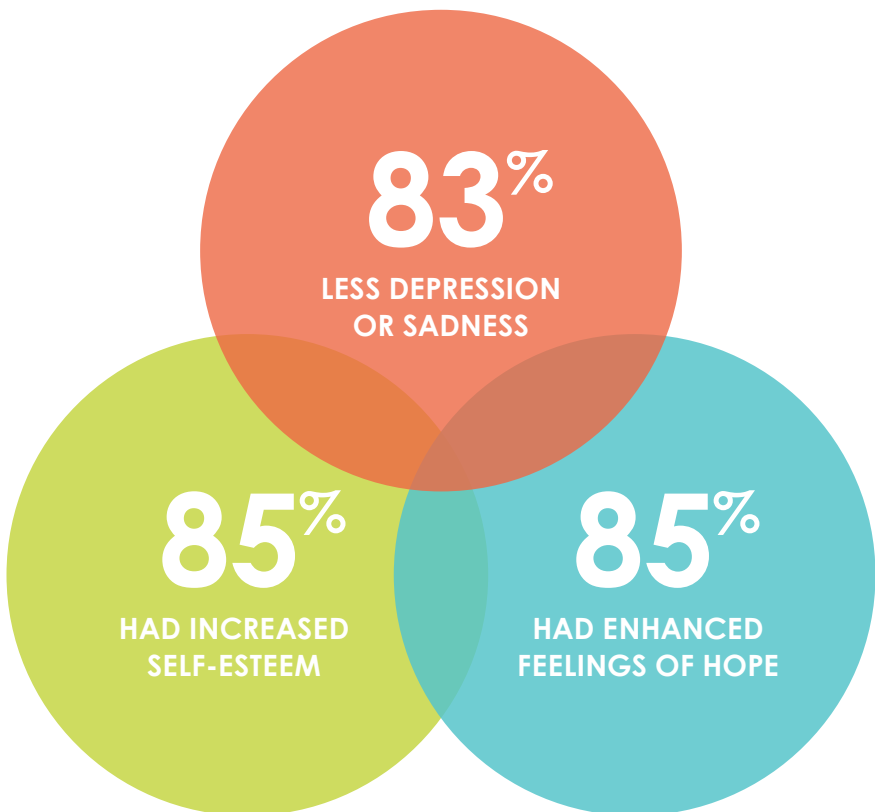
We serve children who have a life-threatening illness up to the age of 20 as well as their families. Some of the life-threatening illnesses included—but not limited to—are:

- Cancer
- Cerebral Palsy
- Congenital Heart Defects
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Epilepsy
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Sickle Cell
- Spina Bifida
- Spinal Muscular Atrophy
- Other Life-Threatening Illnesses





## Making an impact on kids and their families—one memory at a time



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## PARENTS SAY

99%

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EXPERIENCE MORE  
JOY OR HAPPINESS

88%

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EXPERIENCE LESS  
FEAR OR WORRY

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## PARENTS WELL-BEING

95%

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FEEL A STRONGER CONNECTION  
WITH OTHER FAMILIES

93%

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FEEL GREATER ACCEPTANCE  
BY OTHERS

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## KIDS SAY

96%

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EXPERIENCE A CHANCE  
TO FEEL SPECIAL

88%

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A DISTRACTION FROM THINKING  
ABOUT THEIR CARE

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## KIDS WELL-BEING

86%

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FEEL MORE COMPASSION  
TOWARD OTHERS

79%

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FEEL A STRONGER CONNECTION  
WITH KIDS LIKE THEM



# Meet Luke

## THE NEW NORMAL

**Luke, an energetic 4 year old, began experiencing night sweats, swollen lymph nodes, and pale skin**

Luke's mom took him to the doctor, who immediately sent him for blood work. Moments after returning home from having Luke's blood drawn, Luke's mom recieved a call from the doctor. She recalls his piercing words, "I think he has cancer." Upon hearing those words, Luke's mom revisits her initial feeling, "it felt

like the floor fell out from underneath me." Luke's mom immediately packed up Luke and his two brothers and called her husband on the way to the hospital. Luke's mom recalls, "there is no waiting for treatment—your life changes literally within a heartbeat."

The diagnosis was T Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)—with

A Kid Again Adventures are part of Luke's family's new normal. Too often, outsiders forego asking the family to events because of Luke's illness. However, Luke and his family are able to do everything a "normal" family is able to do. Through A Kid Again's year round Adventures, they have developed a bond with other families

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a four year treatment plan. Luke has endured eight months of chemotherapy every other day, blood transfusions, over 20 spinal taps, 10 days of radiation—and lost his hair twice. Currently, Luke has to take chemotherapy, in pill form, nightly as well as go to Nationwide Children's Hospital once a month to receive stronger chemotherapy that his family refers to as "the atomic bomb." Medical appointments and constant monitoring are the new normal.

who understand the challenges of raising children with life-threatening illnesses.

Other families even make sure that Luke's family has signed up for an event so they can see each other. It is truly an inseparable bond that these families develop. In fact—Luke's family has even vacationed alongside other A Kid Again families.



# Meet Taylor

## A FIGHTER SINCE BIRTH

**Taylor entered the world prematurely at 26 weeks, weighing just 2.3 lbs. and fighting for her life**

At seven years old Taylor's entire digestive system started to shut down. A multivisceral transplant was scheduled to replace her failing digestive system; her small bowel, pancreas, liver, and colon were replaced during the operation. Following the surgery, the rest of Taylor's body began to shut down; she coded and was not revived for 20 minutes.



Less than a week later, Taylor coded twice more. After coding for the third time, doctors prepped Taylor for surgery to insert a pacemaker. Ultimately, the stress on Taylor's body after her multivisceral transplant led to kidney failure. A donor match was found, and surgery was scheduled.

Taylor spent three and a half years in the hospital recovering from all the complications of her failing

hospital, Taylor was able to attend A Kid Again Adventures and create unforgettable memories. Taylor is not confined by her wheelchair. She has experienced the joy of riding go karts with her mom as the driver—Taylor grinning ear to ear. Taylor recalls beating her brother in a race as they zipped around the track and how much joy it brought her. During her first ever pedicure at the Mother

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body and the multivisceral surgery. Prior to the surgery, Taylor's family learned about an organization that provides Adventures for kids with life-threatening illnesses and their families—A Kid Again.

Although Taylor was not well enough to leave the hospital for three and a half years, Taylor had some much needed visitors from A Kid Again to brighten her spirits. Once out of the

Daughter Pampering Adventure, Taylor recalls the relaxing experience that almost put her to sleep. These Adventures enabled Taylor to get through the difficult hospital visits, doctors' appointments, and over 200 operations. A Kid Again provides opportunities year-round that allow Taylor to leave the hospital, get out of the house, and just be—A Kid Again.

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