

LOOK INSIDE!

We've enjoyed spending time with our kids at all of our chapter Adventures, including Dreamnight at the Columbus Zoo, pictured here!



Missed Birthdays Not Forgotten



When you have a child who lives with a life-threatening condition, birthdays and holidays aren't promised. Birthdays should be exciting occasions and to help celebrate the birthdays that were missed during COVID-19, our Southwest Ohio team decided to provide families with a Birthday Adventure! The Riverboat Birthday Bonanza presented by BB Riverboats was such a fun way for our families to enjoy a cost-free, care-free birthday party!

Cupcakes, ice cream bars and games were all a part of the Bonanza and over 100 families participated in the massive celebration aboard the Belle of Cincinnati Riverboat. Our families enjoyed bowling, and even received party favors and birthday gifts!

One family who benefitted from this Adventure was the Quentins. A Kid Again kid, Jarret has a bleeding disorder that has made having fun especially difficult. His mom shared that when Jarret has a medical emergency, she can remind him that there will be an Adventure to look forward to and it helps make the hospital stay less scary.

Outings like these are especially important for families like the Quentins because medical bills make it difficult to afford outings and birthday celebrations. Adventures provide a place to be carefree...and seeing Jarret dance on the riverboat certainly showcased what it truly means to be A Kid Again! ❤️



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A Kid Again's very own magazine about Adventures!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Dear friends,

What a summer this has been! Returning to in-person Adventures has been such a heartwarming experience for our families. We've been overjoyed by the sense of normalcy and the ability to gather together as one A Kid Again.

We're continuing to grow, and I don't see that stopping! As we look toward the future and expansion into new areas of the country, we see endless Adventure possibilities for families raising children with life-threatening conditions. Michigan will soon have a chapter and monthly Adventures to help provide hope, happiness and healing throughout more of our Great Lakes states. We can't wait to share where we're heading next!

This issue of the Adventurist Newsletter dives into the exciting times we're experiencing and serves as a reminder of why we do what we do. Take time to savor each story and to remember that you're a part of our A Kid Again family!

Enjoy!

Oyauma Garrison

Oyauma Garrison,
President and CEO



Cedar Fair COO Joins National Board



Tim Fisher, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Cedar Fair Entertainment, will be joining the National Board of Directors and will help to provide guidance and leadership to A Kid Again.

For more than two decades, Cedar Fair has been instrumental in helping A Kid Again provide Adventures for our families. Over the past 26 years, Cedar Fair has donated 80,000 free tickets and hosted park fundraisers. Moving forward, Cedar Fair is committed to supporting the expansion and success of new A Kid Again chapters throughout the United States.

"The mission of A Kid Again is all about helping children with life-threatening conditions and their families escape illness and have fun together. And family fun is at the heart of what we do at Cedar Fair," Tim shared.

Tim also brings 40 years of experience in the U.S. and international theme park industry, dating back to his first job at Carowinds in North Carolina.

Welcome to our National Board, Tim! Here's to many more years of working together to bring Adventures, hope, happiness and healing to our families!



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On the cover:
Our families enjoying a trip to Michigan's Adventure.

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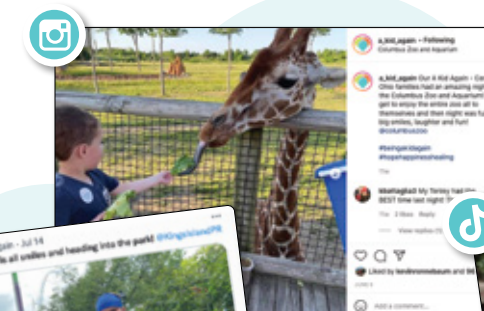
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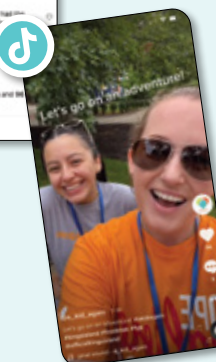


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Greater Philly celebrates ONE YEAR of Adventures!

Our Greater Philadelphia Chapter celebrated their one-year anniversary this summer and what a better way to celebrate than to start in-person Adventures!? Launching during the COVID-19 pandemic presented many challenges, but Greater Philly overcame through socially distanced experiences like the Jurassic Quest Drive Thru Adventure, Minecraft Adventure, and Adventures in a Box.

In-person Adventures kicked off with a Concert Adventure and once Greater Philly got a taste for in-person Adventures they just couldn't stop! July brought an Adventure at Smith Memorial Playground where families were treated to dinner, games, fresh-popped popcorn from the Chapter's new Adventure Pop machine, and Kona Ice. They had the park and accessible playground equipment to themselves! The Betancur family posted to Facebook "Thank you so much, we had a lot of fun!" and the Dinning family posted "What a great day!!"

What's next for Greater Philly? A Tie-Dye Adventure in a Box in August and a trip to Dorney Park with roller coasters, rides and delicious treats in September! ❤️



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**Dorney Park
& Wildwater Kingdom**

**Michigan's
Adventure**

Carowinds

Cedar Point

Kings Island

26 Years of Making Adventures Happen

At the heart of their mission, Cedar Fair Entertainment is dedicated to making people happy by providing fun, immersive and memorable experiences. They've certainly accomplished this mission by making Adventures happen for A Kid Again families the last 26 years!



Just this year, Cedar Fair has provided Adventures at Carowinds in North Carolina, Cedar Point and Kings Island in Ohio, and Michigan's Adventure park. This fall, Dorney Park in Pennsylvania will host its first Adventure.

Our Central Carolinas chapter experienced their first in-person Adventure and what a day it was as 250 A Kid Again families from North and South Carolina joined the fun! Carowinds provided all of the gear for the first Adventure and our families adorned bright, orange shirts to celebrate the day!

"Thank you to staff and volunteers who made this day so special! I cannot recall EVER having a day of fun like this. I'm usually thankful for even getting in 2 minutes of 'fun', between meltdowns and medical issues. The entire day was amazing. I couldn't have ever imagined something this fantastic. Amazing memory for sure," Aly Luna shared on Facebook.

And while the fun times at Carowinds are just kicking off, our Cedar Point and Kings Island Adventures are a favorite for many of our A Kid Again families. Thousands of people joined these Adventures from Michigan, Pittsburgh, Northern Ohio, Southwest & Central



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— Aly Luna, A Kid Again mom



and [A Kid Again] is doing that," Amanda said.

Kids like Jake enjoyed their first Adventure and his mom shared that she's grateful for A Kid Again and how the Cedar Point Adventure provides joy and helps her son feel "normal."

Erin Smothers shared that Kings Island was a life-changing experience for her daughter. "A Kid Again gave us time as a family to not worry about what this past year has held and gave us the ability to just be together and soak in every giggle, every squeal and every ounce of excitement."

Her daughter even found the courage to ride big kid rollercoasters after an ok from her neurosurgeon, and now she's hooked.

Experiences like these wouldn't be possible without A Kid Again and Cedar Fair Entertainment's strong partnership! Here's to many more years of Adventures together! ❤️

Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Amanda landiorio, 18 years old, and her family were excited to not have to worry about infusions and treatments... she simply got to enjoy time away from the hospital. Amanda has a condition that impacts her organs but that didn't stop her from having a positive attitude and enjoying the day at Cedar Point.

"It's about flying high or soaring over what's going on in life even though it's hard. You can try and get through it

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Turning the tables at a Concert Adventure



Who else can say that their first A Kid Again Adventure included a concert where you were one of the DJs?

In June, families from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York were invited to a concert at The Foundry at the Filmore. DJ Logic, one of the world's most accomplished turntablists and MonoNeon, a musician and songwriter, created a musical atmosphere and a night

that won't be forgotten. Everyone had a blast, and DJ Logic even invited the kids in the audience to come up and try out his turn tables!

A Kid Again kid Elijah was all smiles as he attended his first concert and he wouldn't stop sharing that he was a DJ during the Adventure! What a way for our kids to make memories that will last a lifetime! ♥

Bringing the Adventure: Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers always help bring hope, happiness and healing to our A Kid Again families! Destiny and Derek Herges are no exception.

Derek and Destiny have been volunteering with A Kid Again since August of 2019, when they moved to Cincinnati for college. The Herges' decided to volunteer because of their love for kids and their passion for helping kids with medical needs. Destiny, a pediatric nurse and Derek, an EMT who is pre-med and on track to be a pediatrician, shared that spending time with A Kid Again families truly brightens their day!

The Herges' are helping spread the word about Adventure Guides, A Kid Again's new name for volunteers! ♥



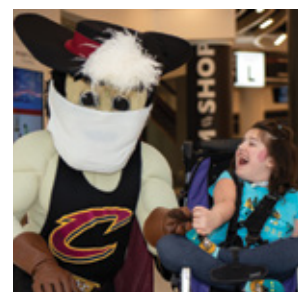
Expanding Adventures for Families

Farm life and tractors were part of a unique Adventure for Indiana families at Stoy Family Farm in Fort Wayne. The afternoon included the chance to explore farm equipment, play games, see dairy operations, and more! Nearly 200 people attended the event, thanks to the Stoy Farms, Stockwell Farms and Indiana Dairy.

The ability to provide this Adventure was important to Olivia Stoy, who is the daughter of the owners, Megan and Tom Stoy. Olivia understands what it means to give illness a time-out. "I know how it is having cancer and just kind of being stuck in that mind-zone of treatments and medicine and everything," Olivia Stoy said. "So I think it's just really cool and exciting that we can bring them out here to get away from that."

As our Indiana chapter continues to offer Adventures across the entire state, more families will have the ability to enjoy a carefree day and build community with others who understand what they're going through. ♥

Cavs Create Cinematic Adventure



Not many people can say that they've experienced a matinee at the Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse in Cleveland, Ohio but thanks to the Cleveland Cavaliers, our A Kid Again families in Northern Ohio had a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

For some, like the Burgin family, this was their first Adventure and they had a blast! The McKenzie family experienced a stress-free, worry-free day with family as they enjoyed the Dolittle movie, and the Peete family came from Lorain to join in on the fun!

This Adventure was extra special because A Kid Again families were the only ones in the arena and the Cleveland Cavaliers employees, CGI & Swagelok volunteers provided top-notch treatment! We're excited to see what unique experiences our next Adventure will bring! ♥



KALITTA CARES



Kalitta Motorsports continues to prove that drag racing is a family sport dedicated to making memories. Their support is helping A Kid Again by providing mini-Adventures at NHRA races during the 2021 season.

"We were introduced to the folks at A Kid Again and immediately knew we should get involved with this organization," General Manager Chad Head said. "One of the things that drew us to A Kid Again was their mission of having entire families participate."

Through Kalitta's support, A Kid Again kid, Chase Kulik and his family recently attended the Norwalk Nationals and received a behind-the-scenes look at the Kalitta NHRA Championship cars.



Chase who is a junior dragster and Cystic Fibrosis warrior, was overwhelmed by the invitation to be Kalitta's VIP.

"This is amazing!" Chase exclaimed as he and his family were introduced during the races at Norwalk. Chase had spent most of June in the hospital, and a time out from illness with Kalitta was just what he needed!



The Kuliks aren't the only family who have benefitted from Kalitta's generosity. Camden Nobles and his family were also a special guest of Kalitta's in May. "It was really cool to sit in the race cars and talk about how fast they go," Camden said.

Junior dragster and avid A Kid Again supporter, Keegan Beverly also experienced how much Kalitta cares when he spent a weekend with Doug Kalitta, J.R. Todd, Shawn Langdon and NHRA racing legend, Connie Kalitta.

Keegan was inspired by A Kid Again's mission, Kalitta's partnership and his best friend and "racing big sister," Aubrey Collins. Aubrey shared the importance of helping others and how impactful it is to race for someone else.

And it's clear that Kalitta Motorsports matches Aubrey's sentiment as they support A Kid Again, our families and show Kalitta cares. ♥

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OUR BALLOONS HAVE MEANING



Our balloons mean fun, freedom, community, Adventure and so much more!

National Be A Kid Again Day is a time to bring out your inner child and at A Kid Again, we know what it means to celebrate childhood. During July, adults and kids were invited to participate in our National Be a Kid Again Day challenge by sharing what our balloons mean. And our chapters got in on the action!

The Fuhrman family from Southwest Ohio took to social media to share the story of their two A Kid Again kids, Jordan and Morgan. The family was told that Jordan wouldn't live to see his first birthday and when he was 10, the Fuhrmans were

invited to join A Kid Again. When Jordan earned his Angel Wings in 2009 after experiencing Adventures with his family, the Fuhrmans stayed involved because of Morgan, who was born with the same condition as her brother.

Kathy Fuhrman shared, "Every Adventure is time with our family. Every Adventure is a precious memory. When we go on these Adventures and events, we will always remember the fun Morgan is having. That's what the balloons mean to us. Time, memories and fun."

So many of our families could relate to the story of the Fuhrmans and having them share their experience online



created a sense of community and understanding. And made celebrating being A Kid Again even more important!



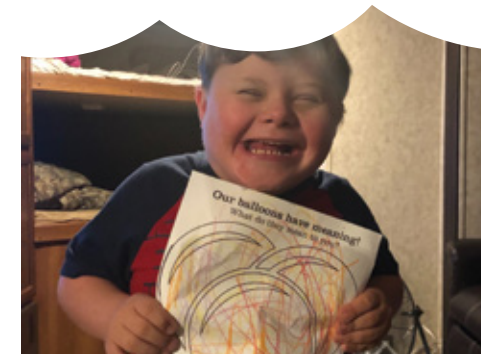
In Indiana, National Be A Kid Again Day was commemorated in many ways. Families were invited to a Drive-In Movie Adventure at Tibbs Movie Theater and for many of our kids, this was their first drive-in movie experience! John Tibbs shared that some of his earliest experiences as a kid were at drive-ins and he was thrilled to be able to offer a Drive-In Movie Adventure to our A Kid Again families.



Indiana's Governor Holcomb declared that July 8th would be celebrated as National Be A Kid Again



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Day and Indianapolis Colts cornerback Kenny Moore shared his passion for A Kid Again to help spread the word. But these shout-outs weren't the coolest part of the Indiana celebration!

AES had their building lit up with A Kid Again colors and our balloons for an



entire weekend to help raise awareness for A Kid Again. The vibrant light of the A Kid Again balloons served as a reminder that everyone, even if just for a moment, should remember what it's like to be A Kid Again. ♥

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Forget the glass slippers and superpowers...these princesses and superheroes wore running shoes and capes to help provide Adventures during our 2021 Capes & Crowns events. This family-focused 5K includes everyone and inspires hope, happiness and healing in the hearts of those involved.

Central Ohio's Capes & Crowns was virtual this year, but board member Archie Williamson shared his favorite memory from a previous Capes & Crowns 5K that involved a young man in a wheelchair. When the young man crossed the finish line, everyone cheered him on! Archie spoke with the young man after the race to ask if he would participate again and he answered that he would NEVER NOT participate, because it is one of the most important events he participates in each year!



FAMILY FUN FEST!

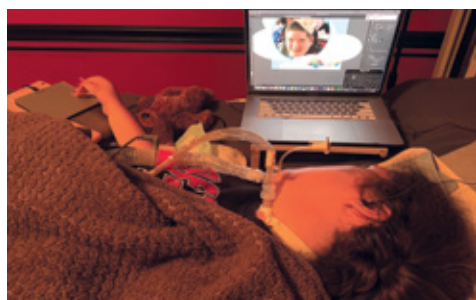
With 44 teams comprised of individuals from 17 states, the Central Ohio Capes & Crowns 5K was a milestone fundraiser and our families had a blast!

Indiana families celebrated with a Capes & Crowns Family Fun Fest where more than 100 people joined in on the fun while dressed in their favorite superhero and princess costumes. Families enjoyed field games, animal encounters (including the chance to pet a snake!) and an interactive dance arch, installed through a partnership between A Kid Again & the 2021 NBA All-Star Legacy Committee. Teams successfully raised funds to support more Adventures for families!

The fun isn't over yet and we're excited to hear stories from the upcoming Southwest Ohio Capes & Crowns Drive-In Movie Night this September and our Greater Philadelphia Capes & Crowns Fall Fest in October! ♥



When Life Comes Full Circle... From Graduate to Intern



Seeing kids graduate from A Kid Again and go on to lead fruitful lives is such a rewarding experience. Having kids who participated in Adventures become part of our A Kid Again team is even more exciting!

Meet Emma! As our marketing intern and A Kid Again graduate, Emma, who has Spinal Muscular Atrophy, has come full circle and is now helping to Fuel the Adventure for others just like her.

After realizing how much she wanted to give back to the community that had given her so much, Emma reached out about the possibility of becoming a marketing intern. And she was met with a resounding yes!

Because of the special requirements that she needed due to her

disability, Emma had been worried that she wouldn't be able to find an organization that could understand her needs when it was time to complete her graphic design degree. She was relieved to find out that she would be treated like any other intern when she came to A Kid Again.

"I am so happy that I was able to intern with A Kid Again because I am now helping the community that helped me for so long while being treated fairly and equally," Emma said. "I love working with my supervisor on different projects for A Kid Again and thinking about how those projects will help so many other kids and families like mine."

With Emma's help and creativity, A Kid Again will soon launch our Donate Your Birthday campaign!



Donate Your Birthday is inspired by peer-to-peer fundraising, like GoFundMe or Facebook birthday donations. In Emma's own words, "The Donate Your Birthday campaign is an easy way for anyone to help A Kid Again, even if they don't have the money to do so."

Fundraisers who reach a certain level will receive a cool Celebrate Smiles t-shirt and you guessed it...this shirt was designed by Emma!

We're so proud of Emma's hard work and how she's continuing to spread the A Kid Again message through her designs.

To learn more about our **Donate Your Birthday** campaign, visit akidagain.org/fundraise. ♥



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EATS AND TREATS

Wizard of Za and Ricart Automotive teamed up to provide pizza to some of our A Kid Again families in central Ohio. Rick Ricart and Spencer Saylor of Wizard of Za aimed to support the A Kid Again mission by "delivering super cheese pizzas to a few of these super kids."

These surprise deliveries were a way to help build lifelong memories for families in Columbus. Ricart also provided a portion of their oil sales and donated to A Kid Again, while encouraging others to do the same.

"We love helping out the community any way we can!" Ricart shared on Facebook.

This wasn't the only way delicious eats and treats supported A Kid Again this summer. 614 Restaurant Week presented by Revolution Mortgage chose A Kid Again as the local charity that would benefit from the food-fueled event.

We appreciate how these organizations continue to make a difference in their community and for our A Kid Again families! ♥



Time Out was an Adventure to Remember!



A Kid Again celebrated 26 years of providing Adventures on August 14 during our Time Out gala presented by Interim Healthcare, Kings Island and Cedar Fair. Thanks to the support of our donors, sponsors, and in-kind partners, Time Out 2021 raised close to \$600,000! That's 16,000 life-changing Adventures!

The Silver Lining themed gala embodied the true spirit of A Kid Again as guests were immersed in an Adventure-like atmosphere thanks to our host, Kings Island. Attendees enjoyed an evening of luxury, cocktail stations sponsored by Middle West Spirits, and of course, rides like the Orion and Racer roller coasters, antique cars, and the carousel.

After Oyauma Garrison and Jon Petz burst through the doors of the Festhaus with prizes (including a giant lollipop) they'd won playing games at Kings Island, guests heard stories from our A Kid Again families. One supporter shared that he was increasing his gift that evening because a shared story had moved him so incredibly.

Guests were called upon to Stand Up for Hope and make a donation while A Kid Again kids passed out balloons to help light up the room. The illuminated balloons were gathered and placed in a chalk drawing of Peanuts characters to help everyone understand the impact we can have when we gather as one A Kid Again family! ♥

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