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Hope Rocks! Concert and Auction Raises \$215,000 for Kids With Cancer

On April 30th, Camp Happy Days threw its first benefit concert, *Hope Rocks!*. Since we could not hold our annual gala this year we decided to improvise and try something new, and *Hope Rocks!* was born. The concert featured the 2018 South Carolina Lowcountry Music Hall of Fame inductees The Blue Dogs and DJ Natty Heavy was spinning tunes to set the mood at Firefly Distillery. Josh Marthers of Charleston's WCBD News 2 was the always-captivating emcee. Nearly 500 people came out to enjoy the wonderful music, delicious food and beverages, and upbeat atmosphere. The wine pull and build-your-bar raffle were great fun and our first online auction was a huge success. The event raised nearly \$215,000 for Camp Happy Days.

We want to say a huge thank you to all of our *Hope Rocks!* event sponsors: Adams Outdoor Advertising, APECS Aerospace, Boeing, Breakthru Beverage, Heritage Pools, Island Coastal Brands, Kickin' Chicken, Marchant Chevrolet, Maple Street Biscuit Company, Mosaic Catering and Events, Pulte Homes, Ravenel Ford, Swig & Swine, The Peanut Gang, and all of our VIP pod sponsors. We can't do what we do without you!



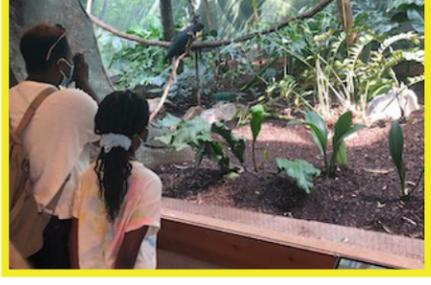
Families Come Out to Picnic in the Park

We had beautiful weather for Camp Happy Days' Picnic in the Park! On March 13th, more than 40 children, family members, and volunteers came out to James Island County Park to play games, do arts and crafts, and spend time with one another and Camp Happy Days staff in the great outdoors. Children got to play with dogs from STAR Therapy Dogs and snack on delicious barbecue and picnic food from Charleston Outdoor Catering—both beloved Camp Happy Days traditions. We loved every second that we get to see the kids and their families in person!



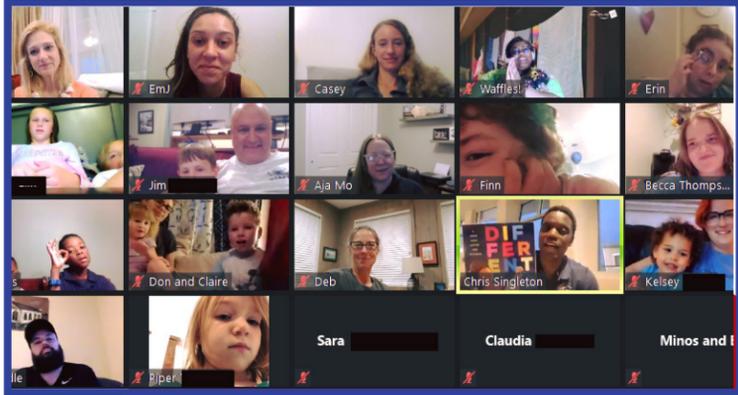
Camp Happy Days Visits The Zoo

On April 10th, over 130 people came from around the state to join Camp Happy Days for a day out at the Riverbanks Zoo & Gardens in Columbia. Families were welcomed in the morning, then spent the day visiting each other (from a distance) and the educational exhibits and animals. It has been a very long year apart and it was so wonderful to see our returning families and finally meet our new families. It was a day filled with fun and lots of happy faces.



Doodlebug Bedtime Story Features Guest Chris Singleton

Author, inspirational speaker, and former pro athlete Chris Singleton joined our Doodlebug Bedtime Story in March! Chris read his first book, *Different: A Story About Loving Your Neighbor*, a beautiful book that teaches kids that differences—whether of race, nationality, gender, or anything else—are something to accept and celebrate. Our campers (and parents and volunteers) loved hearing him read his book about what makes each one of us special.



After six years in our current location in Charleston, Camp Happy Days is moving to a new location this fall. The new facility is located at 933 Dupont Road in West Columbia, SC, which is easily accessible from MUSC and provides convenient access to on-site programs and camps. The current facility is currently in storage. The new facility is a more welcoming place and includes a large activity room, a new facility to host programs, classrooms, and our own back office. The new facility includes a large activity room, a kitchen, fenced outdoor area, a family lounge. We can't wait to see our children, families, and volunteers. We look forward to spending all year round! Construction is now underway, and we hope to outfit the space with sports equipment, playground equipment, a clubhouse, a community garden, and more. We hope to move in the fall of 2021.

For more information about the new facility or contact Casey Nitsch at casey@camphappydays.org.

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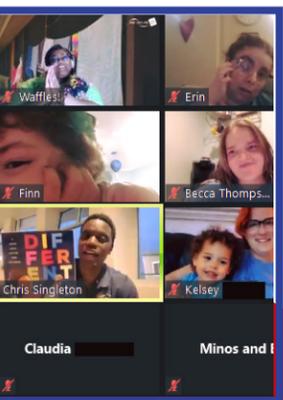


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Camp Happy Days Plans Move to New Building

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This artist's rendering shows Camp Happy Days' new building at 933 Dupont Road, which will have a playground, garden, family lounge, and activity rooms.

For more information about donating to our cause or the building, visit www.camphappydays.org/donations or contact Casey Nitsch at Casey@camphappydays.com.

The Links at Stono Ferry Hosts Benefit Golf Tournament

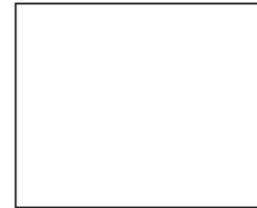


In March, MUSC Master of Health Administration students, in collaboration with The Links at Stono Ferry Golf Course, hosted a charity golf tournament to benefit Camp Happy Days. It was a huge success! There were more than 80 participants and the tournament raised over \$10,000 to help children in South Carolina battling cancer.

Thank you to Charleston WinSupply Inc., Kickin' Chicken, Anchor Sign, Inc., Marchant Chevrolet, APECS Aerospace, Bowens Island, Servpro of South & West Charleston, RealtyLink LLC, Chronic Care Staffing, Salute Medical, Summit Place of Daniel Island, Signs ASAP, and The Down Syndrome Association of the Lowcountry for all of your support. We rely heavily on the generosity of individuals and businesses, and a very special thank-you to the MUSC students who put it all together!



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Camp Happy Days' mission is to offer support and encouragement to children diagnosed with cancer and their families by providing cost free year-round programs, special events, and access to crisis resources.



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