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A Monthly HopeKids Publication

***“Thanks for all you do for our patients and families, this is a wonderful organization!”***

Jodi Betsinger - Child Life Specialist  
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Our prayers are with all the families that have lost loved ones in the tragic 35W bridge collapse on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We had 120 family members attending the Twins game that evening, none of which were involved in the accident, praise God!

One of the most moving and inspirational things I have seen in some time occurred on July 21<sup>st</sup> and it didn't involve one of our regular HopeKids events. I promoted the **“Miracle Kids Triathlon – Kids Racing for Kids Who Can't”** among our families and one of our HopeKids, Olivia, chose to race for another of our HopeKids, McKenna. Olivia raced with McKenna's name on her leg and she raised over \$500 for the Miracles of Mitch Foundation. You rock Olivia!



Olivia, on race day, with her photo of McKenna.

Summer in the Twin Cities is a busy time with most families taking advantage of the nice weather. We had over 250 people enjoy a private

movie screening of “Ratatouille” at **MANN Theatres** in St. Louis Park. We had 75 kids climbing and having so much fun at our indoor rock climbing event at **Vertical Endeavors**. We also more than 250 attend a very hot but special day at the **Minnesota Zoo**.

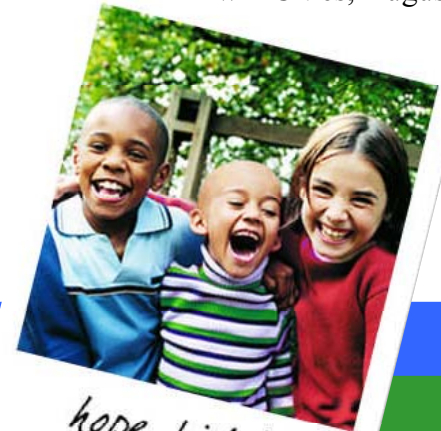
Thanks to **Tix for Tots** we were able to hold three catered private suite events in the **3M** suite at Minnesota Twins baseball games. These catered private suite events are the best events that our kids and families get to experience. They all get treated like VIP's and leave bursting at the seams after eating hotdogs, hamburgers, nachos and ice-cream all night!!



Hayley is all smiles while enjoying her ice-cream in the private suite at the Twins game.

***“I was so proud of Jack for making it to the top of the one wall - his strength has improved so much over the last couple of months. I had tears in my eyes just watching him make it up there!”***

*Kerri, Jackson's mom after our Indoor Rock Climbing event*



## Twin Cities Calendar Highlights

- August 1<sup>st</sup> – Baseball - Minnesota Twins v Kansas City Royals.
- August 11<sup>th</sup> – Private Movie Screening of “Underdog” at MANN Theatres, St. Louis Park.
- August 21<sup>st</sup> – Laugh Out Loud Night – Comedy Clown Show with Half Pint and Oscar. MRAZ Center at Burnsville High School, Burnsville.
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup> - Minnesota State Fair, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul.
- PLUS many more events to private suites, live theatre and sporting events!

(Families: Remember to check the website for details and updates.)