



# Do More News

Helping Families Facing Medical Challenges Do More!

The lazy days of summer and an empty calendar are behind us. Our days are now filled with varsity basketball games and golf matches. Even our third grader is cheering with her elementary team at school. It seems like I am always trying to find a few extra minutes.

I have been reading a book about finding time for important things in my schedule. Part of that quest for more time is making sure I am not looking for more hours in the day, but instead making sure I am spending the hours I do have on things that really matter.

It's easy to find myself getting weary when I am on my fourth trip to school in one day. It's at those moments I think about the families that have contacted our foundation for assistance. Time for them is standing still.

Some have been in the hospital for months while their child fights for their life. Another family may be living in the NICU trying to understand medical terms and equipment that was foreign to them just a short time ago. Others are trying to figure out how to move forward after the loss of a child.

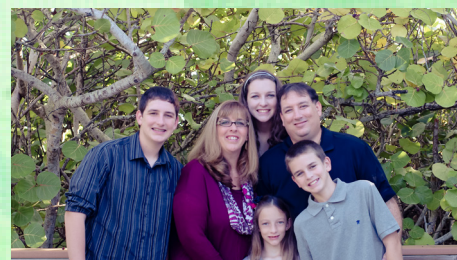
I want to challenge you to look around and find someone you can do more for. Instead of focusing on the time we don't have, we can find

a way to be an encouragement to someone else.

Connect with us on Facebook or Twitter using the hashtag **#domore** and let us know how you are doing more. You can even visit us online and give us some of your **#domore** ideas. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- *Pay for the order of someone behind you while in a drive thru.*
- *Leave a bag of coins on a vending machine.*
- *Encourage a mom you see in the store that appears to be dealing with a strong willed child.*
- *Pick up a \$5 gift card and leave it behind the next time you visit a coffee shop.*
- *Write a note of encouragement to a person that may be feeling unappreciated.*

I can't wait to hear the creative ways you find to do more!! **#domore** ~ Lori



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The Do More Foundation helps families with expenses related to the illness or death of their child.



# Helping Families Facing Me

## The Summer of Doing More

This summer we had the opportunity to distribute cheer in several different locations. Backpacks were packed with items such as toys, books, pens, coloring books, handmade pillows, blankets and more and then taken to Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Nationwide Children's Hospital (Columbus, OH).



Allison McPeck from *Thirty-One Gifts* wanted to do something special to reach families in her community. She recruited volunteers to help her gather red wave thermal totes and filled them with necessities that would help a family staying at a Ronald McDonald House. These totes will not only be a blessing to families, but *Thirty-One Gifts* also donates a portion of the proceeds from each tote back to Ronald McDonald House Charities. Allison and her team were able to collect 38 totes thanks to the generosity of her friends and family that joined in her efforts. We were able to join Allison and her family as these totes were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Ft Lauderdale. *Thirty-One* gives and so does Allison!

You can contact Allison at [www.bagsbyallison.com](http://www.bagsbyallison.com)



Get **INVOLVED**



You can help pack the backpacks that we deliver to children's hospitals. Dollar items are a huge hit! Don't live close enough to donate toys? Pick up a Target gift card and send it to us.







As part of National Childhood Cancer Awareness month, we visited Chris Evert Children's Hospital, to pass out some goodies and lunch from Chick-fil-A in Pompano Beach. Chick-fil-A owner, Seth Poor, spent some time in the hospital as a young child so he can identify with some of what the kids we deal with are going through. Seth is a great friend to *The Do More Foundation* and we appreciate his collaboration on outings. A chicken sandwich from Chick-fil-A was a hit with all of the kids!

## TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



Look what you did! Because of you, the patients are enjoying the handmade blankets and pillows that we delivered to a local children's hospital. Kids are often afraid when they are being admitted to the hospital. The realization that they have a special pillow and blanket waiting for them on their bed helps ease that anxiety. Thanks to those of that have used your talents to make pillows and blankets for the kids. We also appreciate those that donate towards this project. If you are interested in helping with our blanket and pillowcase project visit us online.

<https://www.thedomorefoundation.org/ways-get-involved/>

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The summer months are historically a time where charities see a decrease in their giving. We can attest that this trend was true for *The Do More Foundation*. While applications from families across the nation continued to pour in, giving was down.

Each application that comes into *TDMF* is processed immediately. Verifications are completed by our office that include forms being filled out by treating physicians, social workers and in some cases, funeral homes. Once those verifications are completed we want to get the funding out to these families immediately. This summer, applications have had to wait for funding. We don't ever want to see that happen.

The families that contact us need help and they need help now. Here is a sample of the cases we have seen recently: Micro preemies (babies born before 26 weeks gestation), various types of cancer, Gastroparesis, and Biliary Atresia.

Every dollar you donate helps! We have set up **The Do More Challenge**. This allows you to make a monthly donation without even thinking about it. Once you sign up, your debit or credit card will be charged on the same date each month. It allows you to do more without having to remember to donate each month. You also allow us to make plans for your donation. Families are waiting and we want to do more for them right away.

To set up your monthly donation do it through your bank's bill pay system or visit us online and donate.

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