Hopping 4 A Cure®

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Hopping 4 A Cure Returns to South Florida, Bringing the Recess Olympics to Boca Raton for Multiple Sclerosis and Childhood Cancer

Two Coral Springs teens turned a sitcom joke into a fundraiser for a dad living with MS. Sixteen years later, Hopping 4 A Cure® and the Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation, Inc. invite players of all ages and abilities to sign up and fundraise for MS and childhood cancer.

BOCA RATON, Fla. (Oct. 28, 2026) — Hopping 4 A Cure, the Boca Raton nonprofit that turned hopscotch into a fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis (MS), will host the Recess Olympics South Florida on **Sunday, Nov. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clive Daniel Home, 1351 NW Boca Raton Blvd.** Players of all ages and abilities will compete in hopscotch, four square, jump rope and other recess activities. Proceeds will be split 50/50 with the Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation to fight childhood cancer.

It started as a joke. On Oct. 13, 2010, inspired by the "Suit up!" catchphrase Neil Patrick Harris made famous on the TV show How I Met Your Mother, two juniors at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland put on suits and declared themselves their school's first varsity hopscotchers. Three months later, Hopping 4 A Cure was born. Co-founder David Nassau's father has lived with MS since David was in elementary school. On Jan. 21, 2011, David, his friend Gary Wexler and David's mother, Marla Jaffe, hosted the first Hopping 4 A Cure Hopscotch Tournament.

The 501(c)(3) nonprofit grew to more than 10 chapters in communities and college campuses nationwide. Nov. 15 marks its return to South Florida.

"We were 16, saw an event on Facebook about suiting up like Barney Stinson and thought it would be funny to wear suits to school and tell our friends we were 'dressing for success' for our first Hopscotch Tournament," said David Nassau, co-founder of Hopping 4 A Cure, who made up new rules for competitive hopscotch with his friend and fellow co-founder, Gary Wexler. "Gary and I realized our made-up rules were fun and competitive enough for anyone to play. We couldn't cure my dad's MS, so we did the next best thing. We got people together to hop for a cure, and raise money to help other families like mine along the way."

The Recess Olympics is a field day-style fundraiser where players of all ages compete in classic playground games to raise money for people living with MS and other causes, organized by Hopping 4 A Cure. Recess Olympians compete across a variety of recess and field day competitions, including four square, hula hoop and jump rope, building to the signature Hopscotch Tournament. The Hopscotch Tournament features four competitions: Speed, Endurance, a head-to-head Challenge bracket and EXTREME Hopscotch, a team-based obstacle course and relay race built for people of all abilities.

Diane Trivelli founded the Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation, Inc. in Coconut Creek in 2009 in memory of her daughter, Arielle, who was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma, a rare bone cancer that most often strikes children and teens. Arielle was diagnosed at age 7 and endured three years of treatment before passing away in 2001. The foundation's mission is to raise funds to help needy pediatric cancer families pay their bills, support Ewing's sarcoma research and support the four memorial funds set up in Arielle Anacker's name.

"When a child has cancer, the bills don't stop," said Diane Trivelli, founder and president of the Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation. "Every hop for a cure on Nov. 15 helps families in need keep the lights on while their child

fights cancer every day."

Hopping 4 A Cure funds college scholarships for students affected by MS, caregiver support and alternative medical research. The goal is at least one scholarship for a South Florida student this year. "MS doesn't take a day off, and neither do the families caring for someone with it," said Marla Jaffe, president of Hopping 4 A Cure. "For three hours on Nov. 15, we get to give them a reason to play and hop in the hope of a cure. You can walk, you can run, you can bike, but can you hop?"

Sign up, start a team and fundraise. Registration is $20 per player at recessolympics.org/fl. Every player gets a personal fundraising page to share with friends, family and coworkers. Schools, clubs and companies can create teams. Students can earn community service hours by volunteering. Sponsorships start at $100 at recessolympics.org/donate.

Event details

When	Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET
Where	Clive Daniel Home, 1351 NW Boca Raton Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33432
Cost	$20 to play; every Recess Olympian gets a fundraising page
Benefits	Multiple Sclerosis (Hopping 4 A Cure) and childhood cancer (Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation, Inc.), split 50/50
Register	recessolympics.org/fl
Sponsor or donate	recessolympics.org/donate

Media opportunities: Visuals all day: chalk hopscotch grids, four square, jump rope and the EXTREME Hopscotch obstacle course and relay race. David Nassau, Marla Jaffe and Diane Trivelli are available for interviews before and on event day, at the venue. Photos, logos and video from past events: recessolympics.org/press

About Hopping 4 A Cure, Inc.
Hopping 4 A Cure® is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit (EIN 45-4943526) based in Boca Raton, Florida. It was founded in 2010 by Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students David Nassau and Gary Wexler. It runs the Recess Olympics and Hopscotch Tournaments that raise money for people and families living with Multiple Sclerosis. It funds college scholarships, caregiver support and alternative medical research. Learn more at recessolympics.org. Follow @hopping4acure on Instagram.

About the Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation, Inc.
The Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation, Inc. helps needy families of children with cancer pay their bills and supports Ewing's sarcoma research. Learn more at arielleanackercf.org.

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