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A sitcom joke that became a charity. Two teens suited up like Barney Stinson for a laugh. Sixteen years later, the joke is a 501(c)(3) with a national track record.

A son, his dad and MS. David Nassau couldn't cure his father's MS, so he got people together to hop for a cure.

Two charities, one playground. Proceeds are split 50/50 between MS and childhood cancer, with the Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation, Inc., which Diane Trivelli founded in 2009 in memory of her daughter, Arielle.

Recess for grown-ups. Adults and kids compete side by side in four square, jump rope and a four-event Hopscotch Tournament.

Every ability welcome. EXTREME Hopscotch teams are mixed and include a wheelchair sprint leg, so anyone can join any team.

The comeback. After the pandemic paused events, the Recess Olympics returns to South Florida, where it started.

Frequently asked questions

What is the Recess Olympics?
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. It is organized by Hopping 4 A Cure.

What is the Hopscotch Tournament?
The signature event of every Recess Olympics: four competitions (Speed, Endurance, Challenge and EXTREME Hopscotch). The best combined Speed and Endurance times, minus Challenge bonuses, crown the overall Hopscotch Champion.

Who can play?
Everyone. Players of all ages and abilities can sign up as individuals or teams.

How much does it cost?
$20 per player. Every player gets a personal fundraising page. Register at recessolympics.org/fl.

Where does the money go?
Proceeds from Recess Olympics South Florida 2026 are split 50/50. Hopping 4 A Cure's half funds college scholarships for students affected by MS, caregiver support and alternative medical research. The Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation, Inc.'s half helps needy families of children with cancer pay their bills and supports Ewing's sarcoma research.

Who is available for interviews?
Hopping 4 A Cure co-founder David Nassau and president Marla Jaffe, and Diane Trivelli, founder and president of the Arielle Anacker Cancer Foundation, Inc., before the event and on event day at the venue. Contact David to schedule.