

## Summer means camp for many children.

That includes children with special medical needs. These children, who live with life-threatening health issues, often face daily challenges. Their lives can be restricted by regular medical treatments and medication. Summer medical camps give them the opportunities to just be kids. These camps are staffed with medical personnel to handle any issues that arise.

Many camps that have been serving medically fragile children for decades have had to change the way they serve their clientele. Last year, these camps became “virtual camps” — still providing services to special kids, while connecting with them through the internet. Many of these camps created “Camp in a Box” programs to provide activities for their kids to do together via Zoom meetings.

Caitlin's Smiles pitched in to add to those “Camp in a Box” programs with our arts and crafts activities. This year, we're doing it again. We created our own “Camp-in-a-Bag” kits, which are made up of the same five craft kits for each camper. It means they can work on the same project together, but at home via the internet through programs such as Zoom and Google Meet. Again this year, Caitlin's Smiles is providing Yarn Butterfly, Turtle Weaving, Braided Friendship Bracelet, Stick Weaving and Dream Catcher kits. Earlier this spring, we put out the word to our volunteers about our need for these specific craft kits, and they came through — as they always do! Volunteers have been working hard to meet the demand for these kits. After assembling the kits, volunteers drop off or ship the kits to our office in Harrisburg. Once the five kits are in our office, other volunteers fill bags with them — one of each kit in each bag. They are then packed into boxes and shipped to the camps to be distributed to their participants for the virtual camps.

Here are some notes of thanks from the camps:



Amy,  
Camp Can Do,  
Warminster, PA

“Thank you for all your work and the fantastic donations!”



Luciana Sousa,  
administrative  
assistant,  
Sunrise  
Association,  
Oceanside, NY

“Thanks again, the kids will love the kits. Thanks,”

“Thank you so much for your delivery of 1,500!!!!!! arts and crafts yesterday! We are already in the process of distributing them to our partner groups so they can include them in their 'Camp in a Box'!”

“Because Camp Victory is unable to open again this year, our ‘Camp in a Box’ program is so important to keep in contact with our special campers ... and Caitlin's Smiles arts and crafts kits will be a wonderful part of those camp boxes!”

“Thank you again for providing these wonderful kits ... and for delivering them to our door!”

“Warmest thanks!”

Jamie Huntley,  
executive director of Camp Victory,  
Millville, PA

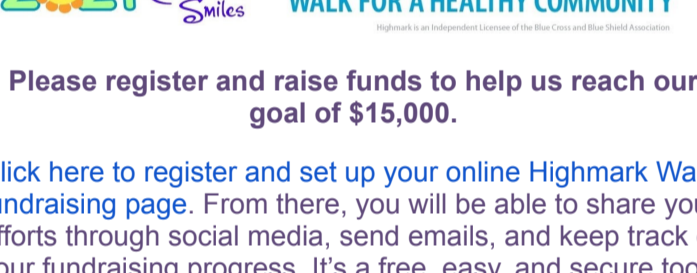


Camp in a Bag Kits have arrived at Camp Victory HQ!



## Evening & Saturday Volunteer Sessions

Would you like to help at Smiles Central? After a year of closing our evening and Saturday craft kit- making sessions due to COVID-19, we are happy to announce that these sessions are opening to a limited number of volunteers. Six evening and weekend volunteer sessions are scheduled each month. Each session is limited to just five volunteers. We'll still be wearing masks and social distancing for the time being. Please join us in sending smiles to hospitalized children! [Sign up by clicking here!](#)



**2021 Caitlin's Smiles HIGHMARK. WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY**  
Highmark is an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

Please register and raise funds to help us reach our goal of \$15,000.

Click [here to register](#) and set up your online [Highmark Walk fundraising page](#). From there, you will be able to share your efforts through social media, send emails, and keep track of your fundraising progress. It's a free, easy, and secure tool to help you succeed with your fundraising efforts. Recruit your friends, co-workers, and family to join you in sending smiles to hospitalized kids! This year's walk is “virtual,” so you decide where, when, and how much you walk prior to July 15th! We thank [Hornung's Ace Hardware](#) store for matching the first \$2,500 raised!

\*If you are unable to join us for the walk, consider making a donation to founder and director Cheryl Hornung's Highmark Walk fundraising page in honor of her 60th birthday in June! [Click here to make your donation!](#)



A Round of Smiles Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 17th at Sportsman's Golf Course in Harrisburg, PA. Several sponsorship opportunities are still available, ranging from \$150 to \$1,500. [Visit our Golf Tournament webpage here](#) for more information or to purchase tickets and sponsorships.

Sponsors who have already jumped on board in support of the event are:

[Hornung's Industrial Supply](#) — Premier Event sponsor  
[Willowbranch Financial Group](#) — Platinum Event Steak Dinner sponsor  
[Hornung's True Value](#) — Gold sponsor  
[McNees, Wallace & Nurick LLC](#) — Gold sponsor  
[Edward Jones Vickie Geesaman Financial Advisor](#) — drink-cart sponsor



Donations and sponsors are needed for this year's “A Night of Smiles” art auction, which will take place Sunday, October 3rd. The event will be held at a different venue this year — Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel on Lindle Road, Harrisburg. The number of people that we can admit into this event will be determined as pandemic restrictions evolve. The silent auction will be accessible online, as it was last year. In the meantime, sponsorships are available for supporting this event. [View and download our event flyer here.](#)

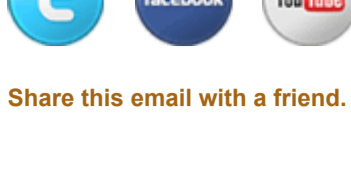
We send our thanks to **Woodmen Life 364** of Hershey for signing on as our Premier Event Sponsor, and to **Deloitte** for supporting the event as a Platinum Sponsor!

Donations are needed to support the silent-auction portion of the event. Items such as themed gift baskets, gift cards, wine-beer-spirits, and artwork of all types will be needed to round out the silent auction. Items can be shipped to, or dropped off at, Caitlin's Smiles' office at **3303 N. 6th St., Harrisburg, PA 17110**.

## Photos and notes of thanks from the kids and their families

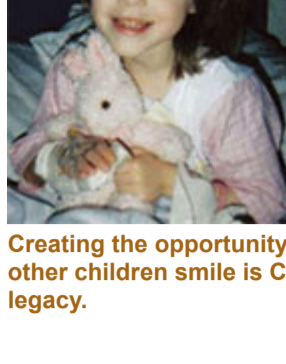


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## Caitlin



Creating the opportunity to make other children smile is Caitlin's legacy.

## Become A Volunteer

It doesn't take a lot to make a big difference in a child's life.

Become one of our volunteers today. Join now!

## Make A Donation

Help a child smile today by donating to Caitlin's Smiles through PayPal. Thanks for your support.

