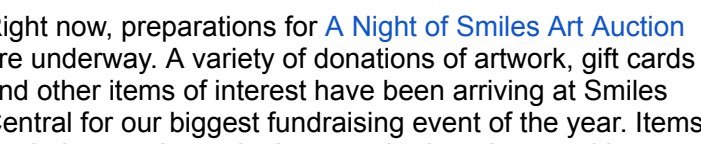




Since the lessening of COVID-19 restrictions, Caitlin's Smiles staff and volunteers have been working hard to make up for lost time in the fundraising department. Our most recent fundraiser was the Highmark Walk for A Healthy Community. Donations closed for the walk on July 15th and our walkers raised a whopping \$12,965.45! Some of our walkers raised funds by asking friends & family members. Others raised funds by selling items – like home grown garden plants & candy, and through online sales & yard sales. We can't thank our walkers enough for the extra efforts that they put into the Highmark Walk this year. The walk was virtual again this year. We're keeping our fingers crossed for an in-person walk event at HACC for 2022.

A huge thanks also to everyone who has been making donations after viewing our posts on social media. A lot of our in-kind coloring book collections used to be dropped off at the end of the school year from sporting teams, school events and school club projects. With many schools virtual and teams/clubs limited, our spring donations plummeted. Our almost-daily drop offs and deliveries with your donated items have been a huge help in allowing us to spread smiles to children in hospitals!



Right now, preparations for [A Night of Smiles Art Auction](#) are underway. A variety of donations of artwork, gift cards and other items of interest have been arriving at Smiles Central for our biggest fundraising event of the year. Items are being catalogued, photographed, and entered into our online bidding platform for the event. However, more items are needed for the silent auction at the event. Donations are needed at the office by August 23rd.

There are many ways that everyone can help with the auction.

1. **Help by purchasing items to fill themed baskets that have been created for the auction.** Volunteer to purchase one or more items. Every item helps to complete a basket to be offered at the Silent Auction. [You can see the list of the themed gift baskets ideas that we've come up with by visiting this link.](#) Once there, click through on the list name to view and sign up for the individual items.
2. **Like to shop?** Consider creating your own themed gift-basket. Come up with a fun theme and find items to complete your idea! [Please, include the Non Art donation form with your donation.](#)
3. **Donate Gift Cards** – Support your favorite restaurant or business by purchasing a gift card for the auction.
4. **Visit Color Me Mine – Harrisburg to paint a mug to donate to be sold at the Art Auction.** You purchase and paint the mug of your choice and the staff at Color Me Mine will take care of the rest. When you bring a coloring book to donate, you will receive free studio time. Thanks for your help! This runs until August 29th!
5. **Donate Artwork.** Time is running out to donate your original works of art. If you have something that you already created, please deliver it to our office by August 23rd. [Click here to download our Call for Art donation form.](#)
6. **Click here to purchase a ticket or sponsorship to the event on October 3rd.** Ticket are \$40 and are on sale now. Tickets grant you access to the in-person event and the bidding platform. Online bidding will begin a week prior to the event.
7. **Bid on our auctions!** Our silent auctions will be open to all event attendees and supporters who cannot attend the in-person event. [Click this link to register to bid.](#) Then scroll down to where it shows 'Bidding Access Only.'

This year's art auction takes place on Sunday, October 3rd, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm. The event has a new location this year – at the [Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel](#) located at 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA. Tickets are on [sale now at this link.](#)

Other Fundraising Events

A Round of Smiles Golf Tournament (Sept 17) at Sportsmans Golf Course, [3800 Linglestown Road](#). Each golfer gets 18 holes of golf, gift packet, and a steak dinner following the tournament. Contests/Prizes: Closest to pin or par 3, longest drive, top 3 foursomes. Also, there's a Silent auction and an all around fun day of golf and comradery. [For more information, or to purchase tickets/sponsorships, click here.](#)

Caitlin's Smiles Bingo (Sept 23) at Enola Fire Co. #3, [118 Chester Rd, Enola](#). There are 200 tickets available at \$20 a piece. Doors open at 5:30 pm and the games begin at 7:00 pm. [For more information, or to purchase tickets/sponsorships, click here.](#)

Other News

Caitlin's Smiles uses many of the items that are offered during at the Back to School sales that appear during the late summer. One item that we especially need is **SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS**. The 70 page one-subject notebooks are transformed into a journal by covering the front cover with a photo or decorative scrap book paper. The journals are then placed into Bags of Smiles for children staying at hospitals. These spiral notebooks usually sell for 25-50 cents during the Back to School sales. Other times of the year they are priced much higher.

In addition to the spiral notebooks, some other items usually offered at Back to School sales that are used in our Bags of Smiles are...**Crayons, Markers, Color Pencils, Composition books, Pencils with fun designs and colors, and Pens.**

If you would like to help to send smiles by donating back to school type items, you can drop off or ship your items to [3303 N. 6th St., Harrisburg, PA 17110](#). Thank you! [Click here to download the In-Kind donation form to submit with your donation.](#)

Area School Kids Pitch in to Help Hospitalized Kids!



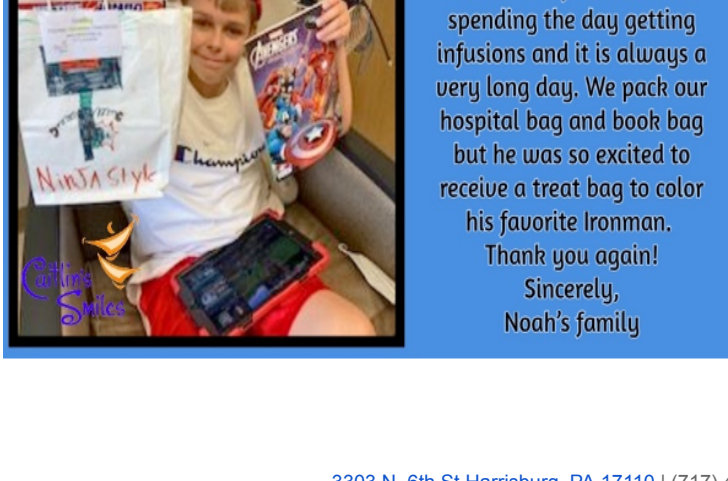
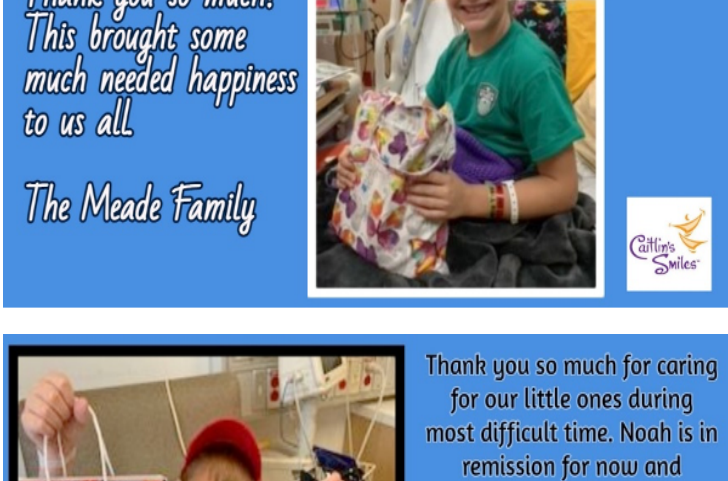
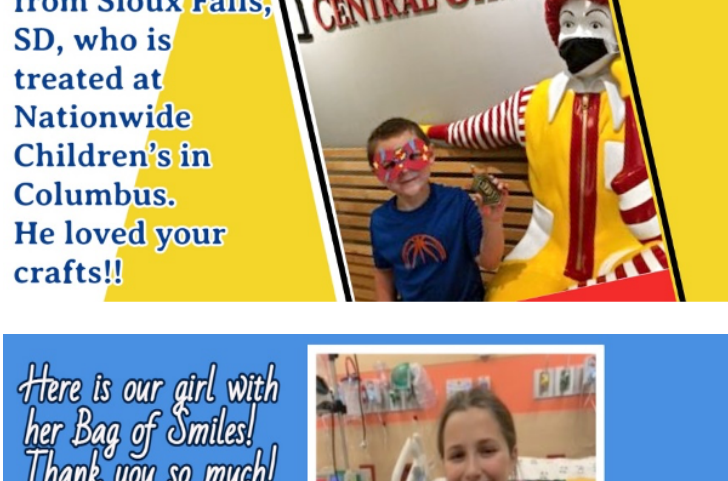
30 volunteers in the **Cornwall-Lebanon School District** worked through the 2020-21 school year to help bring countless smiles to our hospitalized youths, despite the pandemic. Teacher Shannon R. led the effort for the third consecutive year as the group made hundreds of craft kits and cards of encouragement while collecting cans of Play-Doh, coloring books and Zip-loc bags. Their generosity is deeply appreciated.

PHOTO: At Smiles Central, Shannon R. makes the delivery for the Cedar Crest Key Club. She's accompanied by her son, Nathaniel, and daughter Julia, both of whom helped with the high school project.



Thank you, students of **Hillside Elementary School in New Cumberland, PA**, for including our kids in your project.

The Heart of Hillside Community Service Club, composed of students in grades 3-5, perform different tasks during the school year to make a difference in the community. Marianne Galanti-Otteson, the Heart of Hillside's advisor, delivered two bags of bookmark kits to Smiles Central on Thursday to bring cheer to our hospitalized youths. Students of the Heart of Hillside, you have truly made a difference once again.

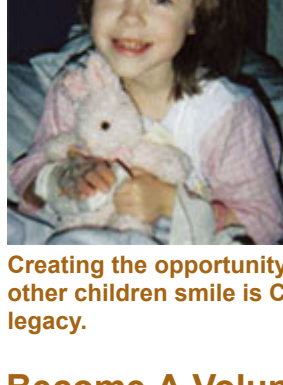


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