



Giving sick children laughs, hopes and smiles.

### Holiday Greetings from Caitlin's Smiles!

Our staff and board members wish you a very happy holiday. Take time to give those you love an extra hug or phone call. Better yet, reach out to someone you don't know and spread a smile with a card, act of kindness, gift, meal, etc. Spreading smiles doesn't take a lot of time or money. They are simple gifts from the heart.

Your volunteer hours, whether virtually or in our office, have been incredible again for helping us spread smiles to area children's hospitals, pediatric units, emergency rooms, specialty pediatric clinics, and medical camps. Your donation of supplies and money has allowed us to do this!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The passion of our volunteers keeps us running full speed ahead to continue to spread more smiles to children with medical issues.

### Your help is needed!

Being in a medical facility, whether it be an emergency room, clinic, or staying overnight in a hospital room, can be stressful and scary for anyone, let alone a child. Our arts & crafts supplies and activities provide a welcome distraction, comfort, and quality time for children & their families who find themselves staying in hospitals to deal with stressful medical conditions. [Click here to donate through our website.](#)



During the holidays, we hope you will consider making a financial donation in support of our mission. Your contribution will help Caitlin's Smiles to continue our mission during these uncertain times. With your donation, you are helping to send arts & crafts activities, along with a smile, to kids and families spending time in medical facilities.

A recent call from a patient's family member really expressed how much our arts & crafts activities mean to pediatric patients and their families.

*Caitlin's Smiles*  
November 30, 2021  
I answered the phone at Caitlin's Smiles this morning, and talked to a grateful grandmother who made my day/week/month/year! Her grandson had been admitted to the psychiatric ward (Reading, PA) over the Thanksgiving weekend, and was not permitted to have a phone or other form of communication. This lovely grandmother called to tell us that our BAG OF SMILES helped her grandson and the rest of the family pass the time and distract them from their sadness. Needless to say, I was brought to tears by her sharing of this story - as were other members of the smiles team. I thanked her for sharing.  
- Deb S.

To donate in support of our mission, [please click here.](#) Please consider making your gift a monthly donation. *By donating just \$25 each month, you will be gifting a Bag of Smiles to children staying overnight in hospitals. Over the course of a year, you will be sending smiles to 12 hospitalized kids.* Thank you for your support.

Donations are also welcome through the mail and in person at our office located at 3303 N. 6th St., Harrisburg, PA 17110

### Share With A Friend



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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.



## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



Caitlin's Smiles welcomed many smiling and enthusiastic volunteers to our five volunteer sessions over our three-day Holiday Open House in early December. Families, friends, and others all helped to make the volunteer sessions successful. Highlights of those days included a visit from Rascal — the Harrisburg Senators' mascot — media coverage from CBS-21 News and WGAL News, as well as a visit from our neighbors at Kindness Counts Learning Center. Throughout the sessions, volunteers gleefully decorated the paper bags to be filled with the contents of the Bag of Smiles and Coping Kits given to pediatric patients. Session attendees arrived with armloads of puzzles, coloring books, and other craft supplies, to help with the mission of sending smiles to children in medical facilities. In addition to supplies, several volunteers supported Caitlin's Smiles with financial donations and by participating in our online Silent Auction.

### November Outreach

During November, Caitlin's Smiles reached 10,423 children!

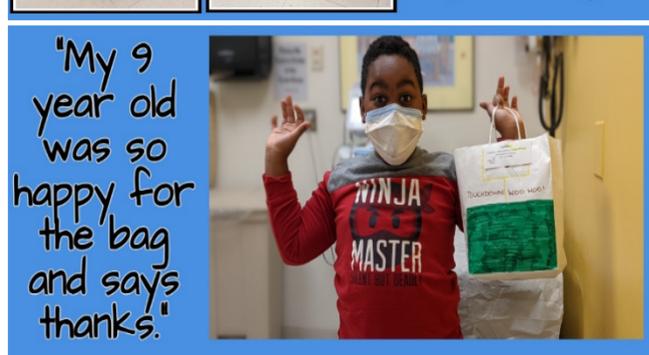
- 6,785 Craft Kits for children in all types of medical facilities.
- 1,690 Coping Kits for kids at day clinics and emergency departments.
- 1,088 Bags of Smiles for pediatric patients staying overnight in a hospital room.
- 860 toys for kids in all types of medical facilities.

### Upcoming Events

January 17 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Volunteer Sessions

February — Have A Heart Volunteer Day at New Hope Church

### Notes of Thanks & Photos from Kids, Families, & Hospital Staff



I just wanted to thank you and the Caitlin's Smiles team!!! I am so appreciative of the Bags of Smiles that you send to our patients at Harlem Hospital! They have just the perfect amount of activities to keep our patients engaged. When I present them with your bag, their eyes immediately get wide and they can't wait to see what's inside!

The most recent donation had stuffed animals! What a surprise! The stuffed animals have already received so many hugs!

Thank you for all that you do, and I am so appreciative of Caitlin's Smiles!

Best,  
Ivana