

A NOTE FROM CHERYL

In prior years, January has typically been a slow month as hospitals are often still stocked with donations from the holidays. This year we were very busy, and this has continued into February! We were blessed to be able to provide the following donations to area hospitals. We also have had some fantastic volunteer support with our MLK and Have A Heart Volunteer events, virtual volunteers shipping us cards and craft kits, and our wonderful volunteers in the office! We always need help spreading more smiles to children in area hospitals and medical facilities! Check our website for virtual and in-person opportunities!

January Hospital Outreach

800 – Bags of Smiles
3,795 – Craft Kits
1,393 – Coping Kits
1,523 – Toys
7,511 – Children in medical facilities reached with our arts & crafts activities.



Have A Heart Volunteer Day

Caitlin's Smiles hosted our annual Have A Heart Volunteer Day on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at New Hope Church. Approximately 90 volunteers pitched in to assemble butterfly kits and preschool bead necklaces, and to decorate paper bags that will hold the contents of our Bags of Smiles.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at Smiles Central

Despite some wintry weather, Caitlin's Smiles Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on January 17 welcomed volunteers to help send smiles to children in medical facilities.



Caitlin's Smiles welcomed many new volunteers to our MLK Day of Service volunteer sessions at Smiles Central. Volunteers from schools, scouts, and more joined us for the day to serve children in medical facilities. Volunteer tasks consisted of creating greeting cards and decorating paper gift bags. The gift bags will be used to hold the contents of our Bags of Smiles, which includes craft activities, coloring activities, a journal, Play-Doh, and those greeting cards they made, too. The Bags of Smiles will then be sent to hospitalized children. Greeting cards are also placed into Coping Kits, which are provided to kids spending time in Emergency Departments and clinics. Coping Kits are smaller versions of the Bags of Smiles.

Local television stations FOX43 and CBS21 covered the Day of Service Volunteer Sessions for their news programs. To view the story presented by FOX43, [click here](#). To watch the coverage provided by CBS21, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events for 2022

Now that we are two months into 2022, we are looking ahead to our annual fundraisers. The financial support, donations, and willingness of our volunteers to assist with these events over the past few years has been extraordinary during these times.

Please review our list of 2022 fundraisers below the Highmark Walk information. Your support of these events helps to send arts & crafts activities to children in medical settings. The activities provided by our organization encourage these kids to focus upon creative arts activities, which, in turn, boosts their confidence and self-worth, while dealing with stressful medical situations.



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SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

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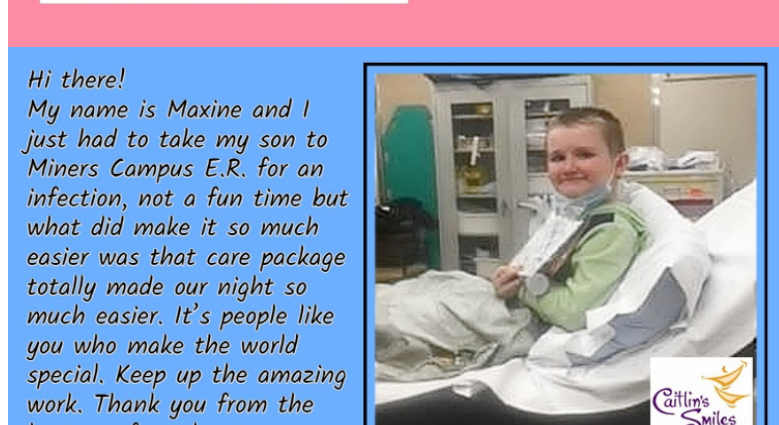
An event that we could really use your help and participation with is the Highmark Walk for A Healthy Community. Each year, Highmark organizes this event for smaller charities. Over the past few years, the number of walkers we've had participating has decreased significantly. In 2019, 100 walkers participated; however, in 2021 there were only 30.

Will you join us in helping us raise the number of walkers (and funds) for 2022's Highmark Walk for A Healthy Community? Your involvement can make this one of our largest yearly fundraisers again! This year's walk takes place on Saturday, May 21, at HACC's Harrisburg campus. Register now & raise funds now and throughout the Spring by asking family and friends to support your efforts. Highmark provides each walker with a fundraising website that can securely accept credit card donations and be shared through social media and email. Raise \$100 to earn a Caitlin's Smiles T-shirt & raise \$30 to earn a Highmark Walk T-shirt. Highmark has raffles of great prizes for walkers, too! Invite your friends, families, & co-workers to join you! *This is a great team-building activity for your workplace or club.* [Register at: hcf.convio.net/walk4caitlinssmiles](https://hcf.convio.net/walk4caitlinssmiles)

Additional Events for 2022

3/24: Caitlin's Smiles Bingo – Tickets quickly sold out. However, you can still support the event by being a sponsor. Businesses and individuals are invited to become sponsors. Sponsorships range from \$25 to \$200. [Click here to become a Bingo sponsor.](#)
4/24 - 5/1: Spring Smiles Online Silent Auction – More information coming soon.
5/13 - 5/15: Baby Goat Snuggle Sessions at Batz Farm – More information coming soon.
5/21: Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community – [Click here to register or donate to the walk.](#)
9/16: A Round of Smiles Golf Tournament – Contact us about becoming a sponsor.
10/9: A Night of Smiles Art Auction – Contact us about donating artwork or becoming a sponsor.

Thank You Notes and Photos from the Kids!



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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.

