

Caitlin's Smiles

Giving sick children Laughs, hopes and smiles.

Yearly Outreach and Volunteer Time Totals

Our volunteers never cease to amaze us with their efforts in helping the kids served by Caitlin's Smiles. 3,103 individuals contributed 22,902 volunteer hours during 2022. These hours account for on-site and off-site volunteering, deliveries, donation pick-ups, participating in and leading volunteer sessions, and more. If you haven't turned in volunteer hours yet for your 2022 hours, please do so! Thank you!

The time volunteers spent at Caitlin's Smiles in 2022 translates into how many Bags of Smiles, craft kits, Coping Kits, and toys we can get out to children who are spending time in medical facilities. Not only does it mean that pediatric patients are receiving activities, but it also brings about quality time with family, brings down stress levels, and helps kids cope while dealing with their medical issues.



2022 TOTAL OUTREACH

11,900 BAGS OF SMILES
79,525 CRAFT KITS
21,485 COPING KITS
14,077 TOYS

126,987

HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN SERVED!

Upcoming Events



Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community: Now Through May 20

Walk with Caitlin's Smiles in the 2023 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. The in-person walk takes place on Saturday, May 20, starting at 9 am at HACC's Harrisburg Campus. On the lead-up to the event, participants are encouraged to collect sponsors and raise funds. Highmark organizes and sponsors the walk. They provide every walker with a secure online fundraising website that makes it easy for you to share on social media and through email. All donations on your behalf can be collected through your personal fundraising website. ALL money raised by Caitlin's Smiles teams goes to Caitlin's Smiles. Highmark does not collect any funds for coordinating this annual event. To register or donate, visit the [CAITLIN'S SMILES HIGHMARK WALK WEBSITE HERE](#).

Raise \$30 to earn a Highmark Walk T-shirt.

Raise \$100 to receive a Caitlin's Smiles T-shirt.

Receive raffle entries through Highmark for every \$50 raised.

If you are unable to participate, please consider supporting our walkers with a donation.

A Round of Smiles

A Round of Smiles Golf Tournament: Friday, June 2, at Sportsman's Golf Course

It's time to get registered for our annual golf tournament. This year's event is back in the Springtime on Friday, June 2, at [Sportman's Golf Course](#) in Linglestown, PA. Sponsorships are wide-open! Go visit our website to choose a sponsorship that works best for your business. It's never too early to register your team, either. [Go to our event website to register your team or get first choice of sponsorships.](#)



Teaming Up To Send Smiles to Hospitalized Children

Central Penn AAA Cares Coping Kit Project Now Through February 25

The past several years, AAA Cares assembled 5,000 Coping Kits to be delivered through Caitlin's Smiles to children in our local hospital emergency departments — and now they need your help! Stop by any [AAA Central Penn](#) branch from January 30 until February 25, 2023, to assemble Coping Kits for the kids served by Caitlin's Smiles. AAA Cares supplies all the materials! For more information, visit their link:

<https://centralpenn.aaa.com/caitlins-smiles>

Each Coping Kit has a handmade card, a craft, a toy, a journal, stickers, crayons, and other fun activities. Coping Kits are given to children in Emergency Departments and Clinics. Last year, 21,485 Coping Kits were provided to kids in ERs & Clinics to help them cope and destress while dealing with their medical situations. We thank AAA Central Penn for their continued support!

Recent Volunteer Events

Since the beginning of 2023, Caitlin's Smiles has hosted two large-scale volunteer opportunities. The Martin Luther King Day of Service welcomed 60 volunteers over three 2-hour sessions. The 10th annual Have A Heart Volunteer Day welcomed 100 volunteers at New Hope Church for two 2-hour sessions. Volunteers at each event created cards, decorated paper bags for Bags of Smiles, and assembled craft kits for our outreach to children in medical facilities. Thank you to everyone who came out to send smiles! If you were unable to attend and would like to volunteer again! If you were unable to attend and would like to learn about our scheduled volunteer sessions, [please visit our website to learn about our scheduled volunteer sessions.](#)



I wanted to write and thank you for the awesome bag that your agency provided to my son during his recent hospital stay. This brightened both of our days and made our hospital experience so so much better. We can't thank you enough. My son was drawing, made awesome crafts and was able to take his mind off of feeling awful. Your agency is doing amazing work. Thank you so very much.
Sincerely,
Tammy



Thank you for the smile!



Caitlin's Smiles

**Helping kids in hospitals by
giving them arts & crafts
activities.**



"We just received one of your craft bags in the ER at Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Thank you for brightening our day! :)"



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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.

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