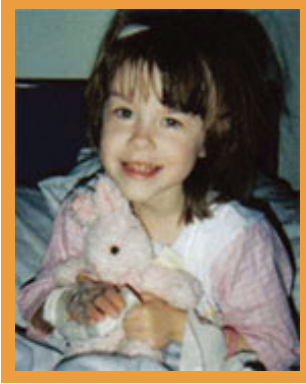


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Creating the opportunity to make other children smile is Caitlin's legacy.

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.



In a little more than a month, **"Celebration of Smiles"** will be happening! If the event doesn't sound familiar that's because it's the art auction formerly known as **"A Night of Smiles"**. Since the pandemic, we haven't been able to book the event in the nighttime hours, so we felt a name change was in order. This event in its fourteenth year takes place from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 1st at Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel, 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg. Tickets and sponsorships are available now at the **Art Auction website**. Not able to attend? Consider becoming an **event sponsor** or **sponsoring a ticket for one of our child artists or their family members**.

Once again, generous donors have contributed artwork, products, gift cards, admission tickets, sponsorships and more in support of this heartwarming event. "Celebration of Smiles" features an online silent auction, a buffet of delicious foods, and live music. The highlight of the event is the live auction of artwork created and presented by children who have received our services.

Has someone in your family received arts & crafts outreach from Caitlin's Smiles? If so, would you consider having them create a unique work of art for the children's auction at this event? The kids and their artwork are a big part of the celebration, and we'd love to welcome more child artists and their families to the event. For more information, please contact Cheryl at **CaitlinsSmiles@comcast.net** or call 717-412-4759.



A few items to look for in the silent auction include donations from Carlisle Sports Emporium, Sweet Velvet Macarons, and Spring Gate Vineyard. Art donations feature an incredible likeness of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a print from illustrator Bob Weaver, and photos from Devin DePamphilis. Themed baskets feature games, puzzles, wine and more. There's something for everyone in this silent auction. Donations are still coming in! While we aren't quite finished editing and photographing the silent auction items, **you can get a sneak peek by clicking here**. (Please note that items, their information and starting bids are subject to change between now and the start of the auction.)



Motorcycle Ride Raises Funds to Help Hospitalized Kids

On a hot Saturday in August, dozens of avid motorcyclists and other supporters took part in a charity bike ride and afterparty to benefit Caitlin's Smiles. The fundraiser, organized by camping friends from **Ferryboat Campsites** sought to raise funds to help Caitlin's Smiles.



The ride began at the Liverpool American Legion and snaked through the scenic roads of Perry County to finish at Ferryboat Campsites along the Susquehanna River. The afterparty, open to the public, was then held at the campground. The band **"Dragontooth"** entertained the crowd. Participants were able to shop at vendors and food trucks. A raffle and a bike show rounded out the day's offerings.



Vendor **Jack Azz Distillery** made the day extra special by contributing a portion of their intake for the day resulting in a \$430 donation. Many thanks to the organizers of the event, volunteers, donors, vendors, the Liverpool American Legion, and Ferryboat Campsites for hosting. It was an incredible day!

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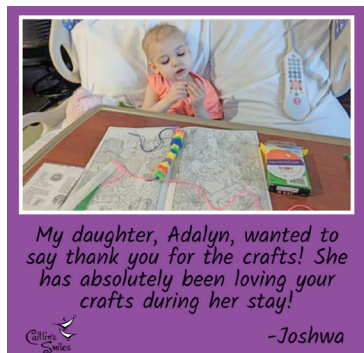
Purchase items from Back to School Sales. The supplies needed the most right now are composition books, 24 packs of crayons, and single subject spiral notebooks. Many retailers are offering these items at extremely discounted prices in their back-to-school sales.

Tips for purchasing supplies for Caitlin's Smiles

- Some retailers limit the number of items you can purchase at one time (for example: 10 notebook limit).
- Sometimes, sale prices are different in person and online. Items in the store may be more/less than what's offered online.
- Retailers often offer free shipping. Save yourself the trip and have your items shipped directly to Caitlin's Smiles. Our address is 3303 North 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Make sure you have the retailer include your name and contact information. If you forget, you can email that information to frontdesk.caitlinssmiles@comcast.net

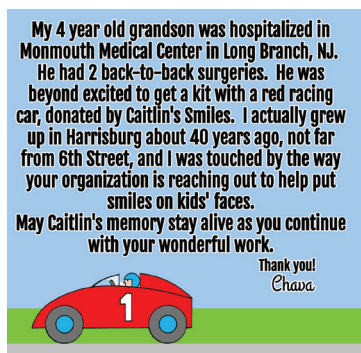
Donate Clothing/Shoes/Homegoods to Community Aid.

Take your items directly to any Community Aid donation center/store and tell them our number - **10154**. They will credit our organization with your donation and your items will find a new home! They base their donations on the weight of items donated on our behalf. Last year, donations to Community Aid helped to raise \$700. Plus, Community Aid offers grant opportunities to local non-profits. Most recently Caitlin's Smiles received a \$5,000 grant from Community Aid in December 2022.



My daughter, Adalyn, wanted to say thank you for the crafts! She has absolutely been loving your crafts during her stay!

-Joshua



My 4 year old grandson was hospitalized in Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, NJ. He had 2 back-to-back surgeries. He was beyond excited to get a kit with a red racing car, donated by Caitlin's Smiles. I actually grew up in Harrisburg about 40 years ago, not far from 6th Street, and I was touched by the way your organization is reaching out to help put smiles on kids' faces. May Caitlin's memory stay alive as you continue with your wonderful work.

Thank you!
Chava



"Thank you for the craft bags while my granddaughter was at LVHN. She was in the hospital for a total of 23 days... and she really enjoyed the crafts that were brought to her room."

- SUSAN



WE HAVE RECEIVED A COUPLE DELIVERIES OF CRAFT KITS FROM CAITLIN'S SMILES. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THEY ARE THE CUTEST THINGS EVER! OUR GUEST FAMILIES SURE DO LOVE THEM. THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF RMH CINCINNATI & SENDING THESE ALL THE WAY FROM PA. YOUR ORGANIZATION IS SO APPRECIATED! ENJOY THE DAY!

Joni Ficke, Program Coordinator
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Cincinnati