

# Giving sick children Laughs, hopes and smiles.



THE CAITLIN'S SMILES BOARD & STAFF WISH YOU A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH GENEROUS DONATIONS OF SUPPLIES AND FUNDS, ALONG WITH VOLUNTEER TIME AND PATRONAGE OF OUR FUNDRAISERS. WE CAN'T HELP CHILDREN IN MEDICAL FACILITIES WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT! SENDING SMILES TO THE KIDS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.



**Caitlin's Smiles is busy preparing for the Holiday Smiles Volunteer Sessions taking place December 7th-9th.** The sessions filled up with volunteers in record time! They'll be completing tasks that will help with our outreach to children in medical facilities.

During the December 7th session, Tom Russell from CBS21 News will be broadcasting live from Caitlin's Smiles. Tune in for the 5–6:30 p.m. newscast where he'll be highlighting the work we do, interviewing staff and volunteers, and telling us how to help.

Supporters who are unable to join us for the Volunteer Sessions are invited to participate from home by either assembling foam bookmark craft kits or having a coloring book drive. The instructions for both activities can be found by **clicking here.** The bookmark kits go out to the kids in our Bags of Smiles, Coping Kits and craft kit boxes provided to various medical facilities. Coloring books are sent to pediatric patients through our Bags of Smiles and Coping Kit programs.

A Silent Auction coincides with our Holiday Smiles Volunteer Sessions. Bidding is open now and closes on Saturday, December 9th, at 3 p.m. There are gift cards, holiday items, gift ideas, and more to choose from. In addition to the silent auctions, there are T-shirts, lanyards, notecards, and ornaments. Donations are also accepted. <u>Click here to view</u> <u>the Silent Auction, Caitlin's Smiles merchandise, or to</u> <u>make a donation.</u>



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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.



A trio of stores in Central Pennsylvania are supporting Caitlin's Smiles by hosting supply drives. Plush animals, books, and toys are being collected in 3 stores in the region.

**PetSmart Derry Street, Harrisburg** is selling PetSmart plush animals that can be donated to Caitlin's Smiles. **2nd & Charles in Harrisburg** and the **Books-A-Million (BAM) store in York** are both having a new book and toy drive to support our outreach. These are a great comfort item for kids staying overnight in hospitals and receiving treatment in emergency departments. All stores will collect the items when you make a purchase and make arrangements for them to get to Caitlin's Smiles. Please, no holiday or religious items. Last year 11,900 books and toys were provided to children in hospitals through our organization. These book & toy supply drives end mid-December. The PetSmart plush animal drive ends on Christmas Eve.

#### **November Outreach**

- 6,450 craft Kits
- 1,182 Coping Kits
- 1,117 Bags of Smiles
- **420** toys
- 9,169 smiles to kids in medical facilities

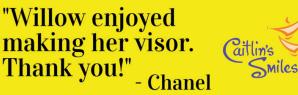
### Upcoming Events – We are looking for sponsors for all events. Please email Cheryl Hornung at <u>caitlinssmiles@comcast.net</u> for more details.

- 12/9 Caitlin's Smiles at <u>Gifts That Give Hope Lancaster</u> at <u>Farm & Home Center</u>.
- 1/15 4–8 p.m. is our Chipotle Fundraiser at the 2330 Linglestown Road location in Harrisburg. Mention Caitlin's Smiles at checkout — or use code DFG7J9G or show the flyer located on our Facebook event page. Please consider doing a fundraiser in your neighborhood! Reach out to Karen Brucklacher at office.caitlinssmiles@comcast.net if interested in coordinating some restaurant or store fundraisers.
- 1/15 <u>Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service</u> <u>Volunteer Sessions.</u>
- 2/3 <u>Have A Heart Volunteer Day</u> Linglestown Life Church (new location).
- **3/21** Caitlin's Smiles Bingo. More information to come.
- 5/3 <u>A Round of Smiles Golf Tournament</u>.
- 10/6 Celebration of Smiles Art Auction. Art donations welcome now! More info soon.

Dear Caitlin's Smiles On behalf of the Children's Hospital, I would like to thank you all for your donation of craft kits and activity The hospital can be a scory bags and donations that support place, Child life program at Carilion 90 patients and showing to way our they not only have long support, but the support of the communit We appreciate during their recovery. and generosity. Danielle, Child life Kindness CARILION 600 Children's (aitlin's

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