



Giving sick children
Laughs, hopes and smiles.

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**APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH
"EVERY MOMENT MATTERS"**

April is always an inspiring month giving us an opportunity to highlight our wonderful volunteers! We could not exist without our volunteers. Our mission statement embodies this by stating:

Powered by a passionate group of volunteers, Caitlin's Smiles encourages children with serious health challenges to explore their uniquely creative talents by taking part in arts and crafts activities. While creating feelings of self-worth and instilling confidence in these children, the efforts ultimately put smiles on the faces of everyone involved.

We have an incredible cadre of volunteers who selflessly share their time, skills and creativity to bring smiles to the community. Whether it's assembling craft kits, packing hospital orders, cleaning, being on the leadership team as a board or committee member, proofing kits, leading groups, our volunteers make a huge difference with their acts of kindness. Our volunteers are of all ages and of all abilities. Last year, our volunteers donated over 21,600 volunteer hours!! They are incredible!

Volunteering matters and helps make the world a better place! If you can, please consider volunteering during National Volunteer Month or any month to help spread smiles! Our website has some ideas on how to volunteer virtually if you don't have time to volunteer in person.

[Volunteer – Caitlin's Smiles \(caitlins-smiles.org\)](http://Caitlin's Smiles (caitlins-smiles.org))

Let's salute our wonderful volunteers and their dedication to making the world a better place.



Amazon warehouse employees from throughout the region have been incredible partners with Caitlin's Smiles since 2018 when they first started their Battle of the Buildings Play-Doh Drive. Each year, including during the pandemic, they challenge each other to be the building with the most Play-Doh donated to Caitlin's Smiles. This year, they collected 23,016 cans of Doh. They also spend time volunteering at Smiles Central.

[To read more about Amazon Day, click here.](#)



Foursomes are filling quickly! There are a few opportunities left for you to golf and/or sponsor this event in its 10th year. Along with a fun day on the course, you'll receive a golfer's goody bag, on course refreshments, and a delicious steak dinner following the tournament. Prizes are awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin on par 3 and the top 3 foursomes. **[More information here.](#)** Available sponsorships are shown below.

<p>A Round of Smiles UNABLE TO ATTEND? SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY BEING A TEE SPONSOR \$200</p> <p>YOUR COMPANY NAME ON A TEE SIGN AT AN INDIVIDUAL HOLE. SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION.</p>	<p>A Round of Smiles UNABLE TO ATTEND? SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY BEING A \$500 GOLF CART SPONSOR</p> <p>YOUR COMPANY NAME ON A TEE SIGN ON THE COURSE AND SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION.</p>
<p>A Round of Smiles POKER CHIP SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY SPONSOR THE POKER CHIPS FOR THE TOURNAMENT INCLUDES FOURSOME SIGNAGE AT COURSE COMPANY NAME ON PR MATERIALS, SOCIAL MEDIA \$1,500</p>	<p>A Round of Smiles PLATINUM EVENT SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY Includes 2 foursomes Sponsors steak dinner for golfers Company name/logo included in all pr materials, social media efforts, Caitlin's Smiles website & e-blasts sent to the Caitlin's Smiles database. PLUS, signage on the property the day of the event and recognition during the dinner. Support of our outreach to hospitalized children \$2,500</p>



You can be a part of the awesome crew of walkers who come together each year to raise thousands of dollars to support Caitlin's Smiles. Our walkers have been a mainstay in the walk since 2010. Attend the event or be a virtual walker and ask others to join you. This year, the walk takes place on Saturday, May 18th on the HACC campus. We hope you'll join us but if you can't consider being a virtual walker. Virtual walkers can walk where it is convenient for them – a park, neighborhood, or elsewhere. **[Click here to register now.](#)** Not participating? **[Click here to support our walkers.](#)**



A big thank you to Board Member Stacy K. and her bingo crew for the incredible job they do each year with the bingo fundraiser. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped and the players who attended, too.

March Outreach to the kids

- 1,346 Bags of Smiles
- 11,495 Craft Kits
- 2,369 Coping Kits
- 1,057 Toys

16,269 Smiles!

PHOTOS AND NOTES FROM THE KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES



I wanted to send this to thank you/your organization for the fun bag of goodies and activities that my child enjoyed during her hospital stay (Inova Loudoun in Virginia) last week. It brought much joy and warm smiles to her and all in the room with her. Thank you for all that you do.

Thank you so much,
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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.

