



Giving sick children
Laughs, hopes and smiles.

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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

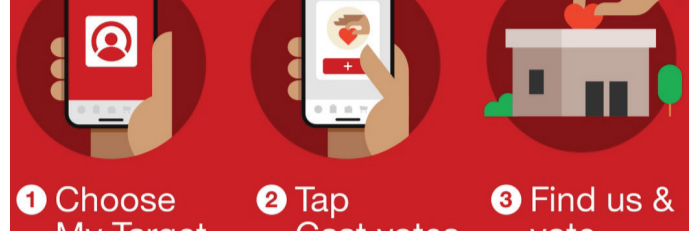
Help a child smile today by donating to Caitlin's Smiles through PayPal. Thanks for your support.



The season of Thanksgiving and the holidays will be here before we know it. We give thanks to all our dedicated supporters who continue to give their time, energy, funds, supplies and compassion to support Caitlin's Smiles. Throughout the year, you help make the days better for children who are going through stressful experiences while they deal with being in a hospital. A craft kit, a toy, a book, and Play-Doh all help them to think about things other than their health issues. Our activities create valuable bonding time as the children have a positive activity to share with other family members. The kids get to do what kids do best – create and play... and smile.

If you'd like to donate in support of our mission during the upcoming holiday season, [click here](#) to contribute funds. To learn how you can donate supplies, [click here](#).

We're a **Circle** participant and here's how you can vote for us.



- 1 Choose My Target
- 2 Tap Cast votes
- 3 Find us & vote

We're excited to announce that Caitlin's Smiles has been chosen to participate in Target Circle.

This program allows Target customers to earn votes by shopping at their stores, using the Target Circle App, and then directing their earned votes to various charities each quarter – We hope you'll chose us. Your target circle votes can be cast for Caitlin's Smiles now through December 31. When you direct your votes to our organization, Target will supply more funds to support our mission of helping children in medical facilities. For more information, [click here](#).



Two bookstores in Central Pennsylvania have announced they are supporting Caitlin's Smiles' mission through their Book & Toy Drives during the 2024 Holiday Season. 2nd & Charles at the Harrisburg Mall and Books A Million at 300 Whiteford Road will be asking their customers to purchase books and toys for our organization. The cashier will collect the items and arrange for them to get to Smiles Central. Please note, 2nd & Charles at the Harrisburg Mall is open during demolition of the rest of the mall. The store remains in the same space with the usual direct access to their parking area and entrance. For more information, [click here](#).



Only at this location.
4200 Derry St., Harrisburg, PA 17111
HOLIDAY PLUSH FOR CHARITY



PetSmart at 4200 Derry Street, Harrisburg, is collecting donations of their special holiday plush animals for Caitlin's Smiles. Plush animals are a great comfort item for a child in an emergency department or hospital room. If you happen to be shopping there, please consider purchasing one or two for our outreach! Each plush animal is just \$5. Once you make the purchase the store staff will make sure your donation gets to our organization. Donations will be collected from October through early December. For more information, [click here](#).

- MARK YOUR CALENDAR**
December 5,6 & 7
Holiday Smiles Volunteer Sessions
- January 20**
Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service Volunteer Sessions
- February 8**
Have A Heart Volunteer Day at Linglestown Life Church
- To register for any of the volunteer sessions, [click here](#).
- May 2**
A Round of Smiles Golf Tournament at Sportsmans Golf Course – More information to come.

- Biggest Needs Right Now**
- Play-Doh 3 oz cans
 - Reading books for kids up to age 17
 - Small Toys
 - Stress relieving toys



Thanks to all of you, Celebration of Smiles was a huge success! The live auction of Children's artwork filled the room with smiles as the children proudly displayed their precious artwork created for the event. Live bidders came through to support the kids' efforts by making incredible bids. The silent auction was filled with great items donated by businesses, organizations and individuals. To view more photos from the event, [click here](#). Next year's art auction will be on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel.

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH
12,111 Craft Kits
1,285 Coping Kits
1,127 Bags of Smiles
375 Toys

14,898
Children in a medical facilities received an activity from
Caitlin's Smiles™

Thank You's




Photo of a craft kit completed by a child in a medical facility.

Just wanted to say thank you for sending a smile to my son when he was sick. It truly is a warm gesture when a child is not at his/her best! It meant a lot to our family. We would like to pay it forward, so there is a shipment coming your way to show our appreciation. Thanks again.
Jen

