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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!

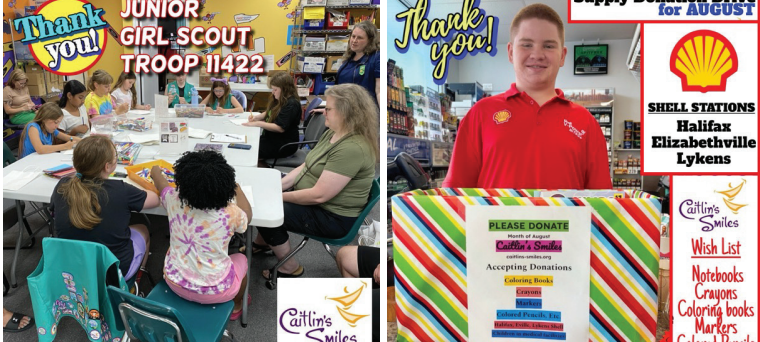
Make a Donation

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



HERE AT CAITLIN'S SMILES, ADULTS AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER. Many non-profits cannot allow children to volunteer for various reasons. However, we can have children volunteer. We have volunteer projects for all ages!! Children, (ages 3 + above), are welcome to volunteer with parental supervision. We host younger groups from churches, schools, scouts, and other organizations who serve youth year-round. Additional information about volunteering is at the end of the article.

Scouts from Girl Scout Troop 11422 recently organized two drop-in volunteer events for their community to create cards, decorate bags, put together craft kits and collect donations. One took place at Adams-Ricci Park during the Wheel Foods Wednesday event. The other event happened at the West Fairview Annex Park on a Saturday. They were able to collect many supplies, many decorated cards & bags, and created new craft kits as well as old. This collaboration helped the girls to earn their Bronze Award. The girls dropped off the fruits of their labor to Smiles Central. Below is a photo of the troop volunteering.




Brayden is one of our longtime youth volunteers (pictured above). As a preschooler he began volunteering at Caitlin's Smiles under the tutelage of his great grandmother, Elsie. Over the years, we've watched him grow up as he put in over 400 hours of volunteer time. Now, he's continuing to help by organizing a supply drive at his workplace. Brayden suggested to his employer to have a supply drive for Caitlin's Smiles. Not only did they say, "Yes" but they told him he could do it at three of their stores, Halifax, Elizabethville and Lykens. The supply drives will run for the month of August. Place your donations in the decorated boxes, like the one in the photo. Thanks to Brayden and the Shell Station folks for making this happen.

Children are welcome to come to any of our monthly volunteer sessions. Kids must be age 3 or older. Those who are 13 or younger, must have a responsible adult accompany them for the entire session. Everyone must register for the volunteer sessions. [You can do that by clicking here.](#)

If your child or teenager wants to help, but cannot attend our volunteer sessions, they can help from home. [Click here to learn more about this opportunity.](#)

Have a group that wants to volunteer?

Email: Volunteer@Caitlins-Smiles.Org



CELEBRATION OF SMILES

Caitlin's Smiles ART AUCTION

Sunday, October 5th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel
4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, Pa



Come celebrate the Smiles! On October 5, 2025, Caitlin's Smiles will host "Celebration of Smiles" Art Auction Gala to support our work of providing arts & crafts activities to children undergoing treatment in medical facilities. Friends and advocates throughout the region come together to support our cause. The highlight of the event is the live auction of artwork created and presented by children who have received our services. Their faces beam with pride and enthusiasm as they display their colorful artwork for the guests. This unique event will surely warm your heart and give you a good sense of what Caitlin's Smiles is all about. Plus connect and celebrate with others who support the cause. In addition to the live auction, there is an online silent auction, a buffet of delicious foods & desserts, and live entertainment. [Find out about tickets, sponsorships & more! Click here!](#)

We're putting out a call for donations for Celebration of Smiles. Especially for original artwork created by children who have received our Bags of Smiles, Coping Kits, and Craft Kits.

In addition to children's artwork, we welcome donations of original artwork (any medium) from artists who are pros and hobbyist. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please drop it off to our office by the end of August.



NEEDED ITEMS offered at BACK TO SCHOOL SALES (ANY BRAND)









PURCHASE ITEMS FROM BACK TO SCHOOL SALES. Many retailers have items we use for our outreach priced at very low prices during the 'Back to School' sales. If you'd like to help, now is a good time to buy. Purchase online and have your donation delivered directly to us at 3303 N. Sixth St., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

July Outreach Numbers



1,047 Bags of Smiles
9,230 Craft Kits
1,535 Coping Kits
801 Toys

12, 613 pediatric patients helped

PICS & NOTES FROM HOSPITALS, KIDS, AND FAMILIES

"I wanted to relay, on behalf of Peterson Health, a big Texas THANK YOU to our friends (Caitlin's Smiles volunteers) in Pennsylvania for not only thinking of us but, taking the time to share/send your kindness. Your gifts will let our children know how much we all love them. Thank you for being part of something great for a community attempting to heal."


Allison E. RN, MSN
RN ED Case Manager
Care Coordination
Peterson Regional Medical Center
Kerrville, Texas

Hi! Our 11 yr old was admitted to York Hospital on 6/5 until 6/6 and then admitted back again on 6/8 until 6/10 for appendicitis/surgery and received two of your bags. We really appreciate the kind gesture!

The fidgets & activities were helpful to him! This pic is when he got home with his bag after the first overnight hospital stay...before he ended up readmitted days 2 days and having surgery. Thanks again!!!

- Christy



Thank you so much for the bag of goodies for my son. When he was feeling well enough, he was able to enjoy all of them.

Being a kid in the hospital is rough, but having something little to make the time go by is amazing. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Heather




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