Caitlin's Smiles

Giving sick children Laughs, hopes and smiles.

As the leaves change and the crisp days of autumn arrive, we are reminded of the power of comfort, kindness, and community. Fall is a season of gratitude, and at Caitlin's Smiles, we are especially thankful for the supporters, volunteers, healthcare partners, and families who make our mission possible every day.

Stores Collecting for Caitlin's Smiles™

2ND & CHARLES toys & books
HARRISBURG
3405 PAXTON ST
YORK
3000 WHITESTONE RD

PETSMART plush animals
HARRISBURG
4200 DERRY ST.
IN PLAZA W/ HOME DEPOT
AND
5098 JONESTOWN RD.
IN COLONIAL COMMONS
SHOPPING CENTER

We're excited to announce that four central Pennsylvania retail stores are having supply drives for Caitlin's Smiles. At all the stores, customers are encouraged to donate needed items, like toys, books, and plush animals. Once the items are purchased, staff will store them until one of our volunteers can do a pick-up. When donations arrive, they will be placed into outreach programs like Bags of Smiles, Coping Kits, and special deliveries to Emergency Departments.

Two local 2nd & Charles stores are collecting donations of books & toys from their customers. Stores participating include **2nd & Charles Harrisburg (3405 Paxton St.)** and **2nd & Charles York store (3000 Whiteford Rd., York)**.

The two other stores collecting are **PetSmart, 4200 Derry St., Harrisburg** and **PetSmart, 5098 Jonestown Rd., Harrisburg**. They'll be asking customers to purchase their holiday plush animals to donate. These specially made plushies are provided through the PetSmart Charities programs. They are designed for both children and pets to enjoy and are priced at just $5 each.

All four retailers are already collecting donations. Items will be accepted through early December. Thanks to the stores and all the donors. For more information, **click here**.

2026 PetSmart Plush Animals





Another successful Celebration of Smiles has come and gone. We thank everyone for their support again this year. The highlight was the live auction of children's artwork. As the kids displayed their works of art, live bidders came through with very generous bids. Unique artwork, gift cards, sports merchandise, themed baskets were among the popular items to bid on in silent auctions. We thank everyone who was a part of creating another incredible year for this event.

PHOTOS and NOTES









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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.

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