Caitlin's Smiles™

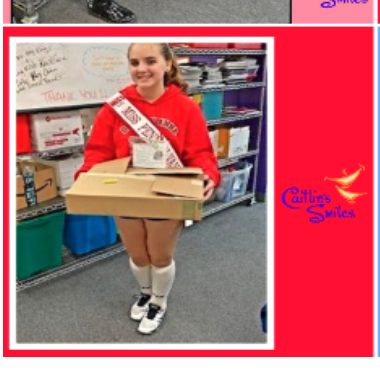
*Giving sick children laughs, hopes and smiles.*

## Happy New Year!

- Caitlin's Smiles staff and board members are wishing you a very safe and blessed new year. May the smiles you put on the faces of children in hospitals keep you smiling! Check out our website and social media posts for more virtual volunteer opportunities to do from your home or business to help us keep spreading smiles.

## December Donations

We can't thank our donors enough for their generous acts of giving during the holiday season. Customers at the Books-A-Million York and Hanover locations, as well as at the 2nd & Charles store at the Harrisburg Mall, helped to supply new toys and books for Bags of Smiles. PetSmart customers at the Derry Street, Harrisburg, location donated plush animals to Caitlin's Smiles. These plush friends are included with Bags of Smiles and are also given to emergency departments for the kids who come in for treatment. Countless boxes filled with items from our Amazon wish list were delivered to Smiles Central. Many other supporters dropped by during the holiday season to deliver supplies, complete craft kits, decorate bags, make monetary donations, and more. It's never too late to donate in support of Caitlin's Smiles. Visit our website to contribute today.



## 2021 Hospital and Medical Facility Outreach

In 2021, we reached 11,902 pediatric patients with our Bags of Smiles, 83,909 patients with our craft kits, 19,393 patients in emergency departments and outpatient clinics with our Coping Kits, and 10,393 pediatric patients with our toys. Take a look at all of the patients who sent in photos during the year. It's so nice to see their smiles! Click here to view The Smiles of 2021.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Volunteers have extra opportunities to join Caitlin's Smiles for volunteering on Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 17. While the sessions scheduled for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. are already full, there are still plenty of openings during the 6 p.m. time slot. To register, click here. If you are unable to join us that day, consider creating cards at home. Click here for guidelines.

## Have A Heart Volunteer Day

Have A Heart Volunteer Day is back! Last year, this day of service was held virtually; however, volunteers are invited to attend this annual day of service on Saturday, February 5, at New Hope Church (584 Colonial Club Drive, Harrisburg 17112). This year we'll host two sessions: 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Each session will allow for 40 volunteers. For more information, click here. Volunteers are asked to bring a new craft item, jigsaw puzzle (100 pieces or less), or puzzle book to donate. If you are unable to join us, consider volunteering from home. Visit our YouTube page for videos about how to assemble kits, create cards, and decorate bags. Masks are mandatory for all attendees.

## KidCents and the Rite Aid Foundation

We're proud to have received a $10,000 Giving Tuesday grant from The Rite Aid Foundation. This grant will support supplying arts & crafts activities to children in medical facilities. Together, we are making positive change in our neighborhoods.

You can help, too, by using your Rite Aid Wellness+Rewards card to make a donation to Caitlin's Smiles. Through their KidCents program, you can round up the cost of your purchase and donate your change to Caitlin's Smiles.
1. Sign in to your Wellness+ Rewards account to participate in the KidCents program.
2. After you are logged in, choose the "Select a Charity" option in the menu and pick Caitlin's Smiles to receive your change. You can use the search box to find Caitlin's Smiles.
3. The next time you shop at Rite Aid and your purchase is rounded up, the change will be given to our organization.
Thank you to the Rite Aid Foundation for allowing us this opportunity! And thanks to all of you for helping us to continue to spread smiles to the kids through our Bags of Smiles, Coping Kits, and craft kits!

## Upcoming Events in 2022

3/24 – Tentative 31 Bingo
5/21 – Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community
9/16 – A Round of Smiles Golf Tournament
10/9 – A Night of Smiles Art Auction

## Photos & Thank You Notes from Kids and Families

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## Caitlin

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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