



# BEARS OF HOPE

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## End of Year 2010

*This has been a fantastic year for Bears of Hope. We hope you will be pleased with all we've done to comfort sick and needy children and adults, bring hope to Cancer Survivor kids and honor our veterans for their service to our country.*

### MISSION

Provide children & adults recovering from an illness; suffering trauma; feeling depressed; or mourning the loss of a loved one, a special bear to hug, and bring comfort and hope.

We do this by making fabric bears we give to clergy and social service agencies to bring to those coping with a difficult life situation.

### BEARS BRING COMFORT and HOPE

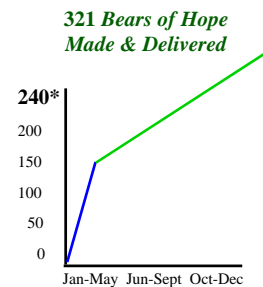
A total of 53 bears were distributed amongst these agencies during October-December, 2010:

Children's Advocacy Center	Jewish Child & Family Services
Lubavith Chabad-Skokie	Parkview Community Church
Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care	Women's Shelter - Chicago Northwest
Women's Shelter - Far North Suburbs	

Children's Advocacy Center was just added to receive bears.

**Note:** Social Service agencies and clergy are given bears, without charge, to bring to those they serve needing TLC.

From January, 2007 to December, 2010, *Bears of Hope* made a total of **836 bears** which are now **bringing comfort and hope** to individuals struggling with difficult life crises.



### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Children's Craft Program

##### **Kids Do Good Deeds for Others**

On November 13, North Shore Community Bank sponsored our children's craft program as a community event. Kids came to the bank and designed a bear on unprinted fabric with special paint markers. We will be able to make seventeen bears from the designs the children created. When the bears are ready for delivery, they will be given to the **Skokie Police Department**. Police Officers give bears to children in trauma from a car accident; domestic disturbance; or criminal incident.



Children designing bears

The **Children's Craft Program** is a fun way for children to do something good for others. We've done this program for businesses as a community event and for children as a social service project or to celebrate a special occasion. For more information, contact *Bears of Hope* at Bears@bearsofhope.com or 847-673-4098.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** (continued)

**Stuffing Party with Seniors**

On October 13, we held a ‘Stuffing Party’ with senior residents at **Seasons at Glenview Place**, an independent senior residence in Northbrook. Bears volunteers, Carolyn, Gail, Jeanette, Joanne, and Rosemary socialized and stuffed bears with the senior residents. One resident remarked, *“It’s makes me feel good to be doing something today for others.”*



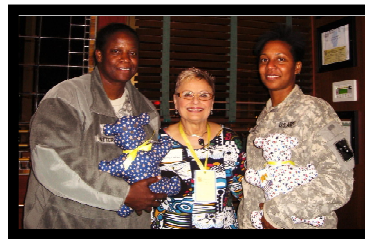
Residents stuffing bears

**Veteran’s Shown Appreciation**

On November 7, McCormick and Schmick’s Seafood Restaurant, Skokie, and *Bears of Hope* joined together to thank veterans for their service to our country. The restaurant gave veterans a complimentary meal and we gave special patriotic bears to veterans. Since we were only able to make 50 patriotic bears, veterans received them on a first-come basis. Bears volunteers Carolyn, Jamie & Robin personally thanked veterans for their service and gave them a Bears of Hope patriotic bear. Veterans from all military branches came to the restaurant. Many served either in World War II; Korean War; Vietnam; Desert Storm; or Iraq. Kevin Finegold, executive general manager at McCormick & Schmick’s said, *“This was the 12th annual Veterans Appreciation Event at McCormick & Schmick’s Seafood Restaurants. We are honored to be able to pay tribute to our veterans. Having Bears of Hope at our Skokie location was a huge part of the event that meant so much to the vets.”*



Bears volunteers thanking World War II vets



Army Officers who had just come back from the Middle East being thanked by Bears volunteer



Bears founder, Carolyn Reiner, and McCormick & Schmick’s executive general manager Kevin Finegold, honoring a World War II vet

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The financial resources **YOU** provide are gratefully appreciated.  
You provide the means so we can make our huggable handcrafted bears  
for sick and needy children and adults.  
*Bears of Hope* thanks you for supporting the work we do.

Donations to *Bears of Hope* are not deductible as charitable contributions for tax purposes; they support materials to make bears to comfort sick and needy children and adults.

**WAYS TO SUPPORT *Bears of Hope***

- \* **Financial gifts**      How many bears can you support?  
\$20 gift makes 2 bears      \$50 gift makes 5 bears  
Send your check to: **Bears of Hope, 8331 Kostner, Skokie, IL 60076**

- \* **Order from Amazon.com.** Use this web address:  
**[www.amazon.com?\\_encoding=UTF8&tag=bearsofhope-20](http://www.amazon.com?_encoding=UTF8&tag=bearsofhope-20)**  
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At checkout, select *Bears of Hope* from the drop down menu. Tukaiz will give us  
a portion of your purchase.

**Note:** Bears of Hope has no paid staff. We have dedicated volunteers  
who give their time and effort to make the bears. All funds received  
are only used to purchase materials needed to make bears.

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***Happy New Year***



***Bears of Hope wishes you a wonderful Holiday Season  
and  
a New Year filled with peace, happiness and good health***

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