



BEARS OF HOPE

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MISSION

We provide huggable bears to children and adults who are sick; suffering trauma; feeling depressed; or mourning the loss of a loved one. We do this by making handcrafted fabric bears we give to social service agencies and clergy to bring to someone they serve needing comfort and hope.

Founder's Note

Dear Friends,

It's been an exciting time at Bears of Hope. With every box of bears packaged and delivered, we were closer and closer to our 1000th bear. And then, in August..... IT HAPPENED! We'll celebrate this milestone at Bears Camp this fall.

The children's designs created at our Craft Programs were sewn into bears, stuffed and delivered to comfort sick children. The sewing team was busy sewing patriotic fabric into bears. These bears will be stuffed in September by senior residents at Seasons at Glenview Place and given to Veterans in November.

We hope you are pleased with all we're doing for sick and needy children and adults.

Carolyn Reiner

Our 1000th bear



BEARS BRING COMFORT AND HOPE TO INDIVIDUALS

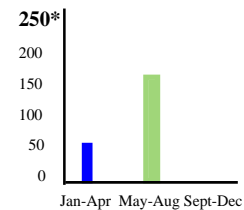
70 bears were distributed amongst these agencies May-August:

Bethany Terrace Nursing Centre	Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care
Children's Advocacy Center	Skokie Fire Department
Children's Home & Aid Society	Skokie Police Department
Jewish Child & Family Services	Women's Shelter-Chicago Westside
Midwest Hospice & Palliative Care	Women's Shelter-Far North Suburbs

Social service agencies and clergy are given bears, without charge, to distribute to those they serve needing TLC.

2011 Goal

Make 250 Bears of Hope



SPECIAL EVENT

17 bears were sent to Israel to bring hugs and comfort to critically ill patients at Israeli hospitals. These bears were made by Beth Emet Hebrew School students.



CHILDREN'S CRAFT PROGRAM

Skokie Police Department Receives Bears of Hope

14 bears designed by children at our Children's Craft Program sponsored by North Shore Community Bank were delivered to the Skokie Police Department. Police Officer Joe Marzigliano said *"We're grateful to have the bears. They bring smiles and comfort to children our Police Officers give them too who are in trauma from accidents, domestic disturbance and criminal incidents."*



Bears Designed for Bat Mitzvah Service Projects

♦19 bears were designed by Sara and her friends for her service project. These bears were sent to Midwest Hospice and Palliative Care.



♦16 bears were designed by Hailey, Jamie and Julia with their friends for their combined service project. These bears were sent to Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care.



The **Children's Craft Program** is for children ages 7-15 to do something good for others. Businesses sponsor this program as a community program at their business location. Children take it on as a service project or for a special occasion. Requests are now being taken for 2012.

Contact bears@bears of hope.com or 847-673-4098 for information.

BEARS GET LETTERS OF THANKS

Women's Shelter-North Suburbs

Our children's coordinator welcomes each child to the shelter with the comfort of a Bears of Hope! On behalf of all those who will be touched by your kindness, thank you.

Women's Shelter-Chicago Westside

The bears help us provide the children we serve something for them to hold and hug while they rebuild their quality of life free from violence and abuse. We are grateful for your support.

Jewish Child & Family Services

Every bear truly delivers joy and peace to a child in need. The warmth contained in each bear is certainly felt. Thank you for all of your support!

VOLUNTEERS CORNER

Volunteers Barbara; Carolyn; Danon; Goldie; Jamie; Joannie and Robin helped at various times to get *Bears of Hope* ready for delivery and bears ready for stuffing. We appreciate our volunteers and all they do to make bears for those needing TLC.



THANK YOU SUPPORTERS

Bears of Hope sincerely appreciates the financial resources* **YOU** provide.

A great big BEAR HUG thank you for supporting the work we do to bring smiles, comfort and hope to sick and needy children and adults.

A-Plus Pest Control
Duxler Complete Auto Care
Edward Jones Investments
Fairfield Processing Inc.
First Data-Independent Sales
Haben Funeral Home & Crematory

Hi-Tech Auto Body of Skokie
Irmo Insurance Company
McCormick & Schmick's
North Shore Community Bank
Our Village Newspaper
Paul Plotnick, Attorney
President's Resource Organization

Remodeling by the Tinman
Robert Kesel Photography
Rothschild Insurance Group
SkokieNet.org
Skokie Public Library
Triblocal.com

*Bears of Hope Needs YOUR help**

We rely on monetary donations* to do our work. All funds are used to purchase materials to make bears. We have no paid staff. **Please help us with your donation.*** Any amount helps.

For example: \$ 20 purchases fabric for 4 bears.
 \$ 50 purchases poly-fiber to stuff 40 bears.
 \$100 purchases everything needed for 10 bears.

Send YOUR check* to: Bears of Hope 8331 Kostner Skokie, IL 60076



Visit our website www.bearsofhope.com

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*Donations to the 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.