



# BEARS OF HOPE

An all Volunteer Organization

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## June - September, 2014

### MISSION

Provide children and adults going through difficult times,  
a handmade fabric bear to give them comfort and hope.

### Founder's Note

Dear Volunteers and Supporters,

I'm thrilled we've been able to send our social service agencies two rotations of bears for the children and adults they serve. That's 112 bears!



We're now working on bears for another delivery plus getting our patriotic bears completed to give to veterans at McCormick & Schmick's "Veterans Appreciation Day" November 9, 2014.

In August, I spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Skokie Valley. I told them about how *Bears of Hope* has grown since our beginning in 2007 and demonstrated the bear-making process. I appreciated having the opportunity to share *Bears of Hope's* story with the members. After my speech, Kiwanis gave *Bears of Hope* a gift to make more bears. *Bears of Hope* sincerely thanks Kiwanis for their support.

We have several activities planned for October and November:

**Oct. 21 Bear Party with Girl Scout Troop # 41716**

**Oct 25 Make a Difference Day**

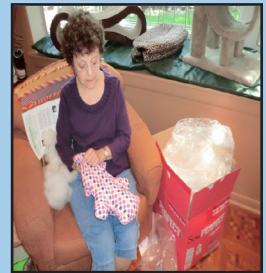
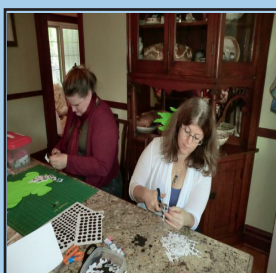
**Nov 9 Veteran's Appreciation Day**

**Nov 15 North Shore Community Bank's  
*Bears of Hope's* Children's Craft Day**

*Bears of Hope* does so much to comfort children and adults in pain. We can't stop now! More and more individuals need the emotional support the bears provide. Our social service agencies are grateful to have bears to give to those under their care. The bears aid in their healing.

I sincerely thank our volunteers and supporters for their unwavering dedication to *Bears of Hope* and being part of what we do to 'make a difference' in the lives of those needing comfort and hope.

To Life,  
*Carolyn*



**BEARS COMFORT VETERANS UNDER HOSPICE CARE**

In July, our founder, Carolyn Reiner, met with Chaplain John Schumacher, MDiv, BCC. He is the Chaplain for Faith & Community Outreach for Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care. Chaplain Schumacher directs the Rainbow's Veteran Hospice Program.

Veterans who are terminally ill or dying are able to get hospice care under a newly approved VA benefit. Since the VA has limited hospice care resources, it uses existing Hospice Care Centers throughout the U.S.

Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care not only receives bears, at no cost, for their patients, but also patriotic-themed bears for hospice veteran patients. Chaplain Schumacher visits veterans and gives them their special bear. He said, *The veterans are grateful for the bears. They bring smiles to their faces and lets them know people care about them and what they did for our country. The bears certainly bring them comfort.* Carolyn added, *That's exactly what we hoped the bears would do. It makes us feel good we are doing something to thank our veterans.*

For the past five years, *Bears of Hope* has joined Mc Cormick & Schmick's Skokie restaurant's "Veterans Appreciation Day". This year is no exception. On Sunday, November 9th, we'll be there with our bears. The restaurant will give veterans a complimentary dinner or lunch and Bears of Hope volunteers will personally give them a patriotic bear, while quantities last, to thank them for their service.



Chaplain John Schumacher holding patriotic bears for Hospice veteran patients.

**VOLUNTEERS CORNER**

Each month during the summer, volunteers came together to work on bears. We were able to get lots of bears sewn into bears, stuffed and ready to be delivered to those suffering a life crisis.



Goldie (far back) and Eleanor tracing bear pattern on fabric



Sue Ann packing bears for delivery.



Carolyn (far back), showing Joanne (middle), & Yvonne where to place bear for tracing on fabric.

***Bears of Hope appreciates everything the volunteers do. They make it possible to have bears ready to bring hope, lift spirits, and give comfort to children and adults in pain.***

**BEARS SUPPORTERS****YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

YOUR continued support makes it possible for *Bears of Hope* to continue making bears for children & adults going through difficult times.

**THANK YOU**

for what you do for us  
& spreading the word of our cause

AxcessAdvisors, CPA	Handyman Gene	Remodeling by the Tinman
A-Plus Pest Control	Hi-Tech Auto Body of Skokie	Rothschild Insurance Group
Dr. David Kanarek, DDS, MAGD	Irmo Insurance Company	Skokie Chamber of Commerce
Duxler Complete Auto Care	Kiwanis Club of Skokie Valley	SkokieNet.org
Edward Jones Investments	McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant	Skokie Public Library
Fairfield Processing Inc.	Mickey Mayla, Artist	Triblocal.com
Finest Courier Logistics	North Shore Community Bank	Village of Skokie
First Bank & Trust	Old Orchard Periodontics & Implants	Holly J. Waxman, Interior Designer
Gimbel, Abrams & Singer, CPA	Our Village Newspaper	Westfield Old Orchard
Grace Printing	Paul Plotnick, Attorney at Law	Individual Contributors
Haben Funeral Home & Crematory	Remodeling by J. R. Graves	(wish to remain anonymous)

**GET INVOLVED WITH BEARS OF HOPE**• **VOLUNTEER**

Become part of **Bears of Hope's** team. There's lots to do besides sewing and stuffing. To volunteer contact us:

**Bears@bearsofhope.com or 847-673-4098.**

• **DONATE\***

Financial gifts\* from individuals and businesses provide the means to make bears. **100% of funds are only used** to purchase materials for bears. We have no paid staff; we're all volunteers. Any amount helps. Send donations to:

**Bears of Hope 8331 Kostner Skokie, IL 60076**

• **SPREAD THE WORD**

Tell your friends and business associates about *Bears of Hope*. Get them on-board to support *Bears of Hope* by volunteering or donating a financial gift\*.



*Bears of Hope bears thank you for supporting what we do for those needing comfort and hope.*

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