



BEARS OF HOPE

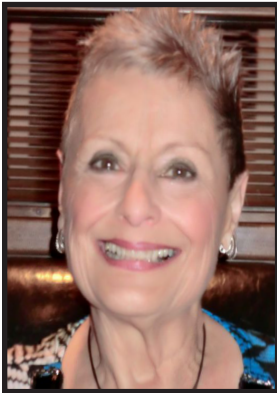
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April - July, 2015

MISSION

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

FROM OUR FOUNDER



Dear Friends,
So many sick children and adults have a Bears of Hope bear to cuddle. The bears bring them hope, comfort and aid in their healing. What a wonderful thing the Bears do for others! Without our volunteers and supporters this wouldn't be possible. I appreciate all YOU do for Bears of Hope.

During the past 4 months, 110 bears were made and divided amongst all the social service agencies getting bears for their patients/clients.

In April, we participated in Temple Judea Mizpah's "Mitzvah (Good Deeds) Day". Our table was busy from the start to the finish with people, young and old, stuffing bears.
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The bears designed by children at last fall's Children's Craft Program were on exhibit at NorthShore Community Bank, Skokie, during the month of April. Afterwards they were given to the Skokie Fire Department. Deputy Fire Chief said, "We thank you and all the children that took the time and effort to

design and craft the Bears".

Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care nominated the Bears for its "Above and Beyond" award given to an organization that does something 'extra special' for their patients. It was awarded at Rainbow Hospice's Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.
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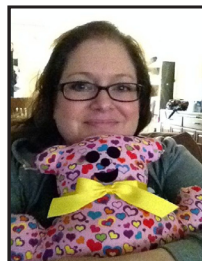
This summer we'll hold our annual fund-raising campaign. All funds received will only be used for bears. Bears of Hope counts on our supporters continued commitment to carry on our work.

On August 21st we'll have a "Stuffing Party" with senior residents at Brookdale Senior Living, Northbrook. We always have a fun time with the seniors.

Events planned for fall:

Children's Craft Program	September 19
Make a Difference Day	October 24
Veteran's Appreciation Day	November 8

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I hope you like all we do for Others. Thank you for being part of Bears of Hope 'Making a Difference' one bear at a time.

Gratefully,
Carolyn
Carolyn Reiner, Founder



BEARS DO A GOOD DEED

Temple Judea Mizpah's 'Mitzvah Day' theme was "Health & Wellness". Besides *Bears of Hope*, there were twenty agencies offering different health services. Sue Hartman, a member of the Temple's Social Action committee said, *"We were delighted Bears of Hope joined us. Their handmade fabric bears for those in crises fit right in with our theme."* Keeping with the theme, we brought bears that needed stuffing. When a child or adult approached our table, a Bears volunteer asked, *"Would you like to stuff a bear for someone needing a hug to feel better?"* Carolyn added, *"It felt great to see so many individuals having fun stuffing bears, while doing something good for others. We appreciated the community's help."* Over 50 bears were stuffed. Our volunteers finished the bears and they are now being loved by those needing emotional support to feel better.

Thank you to Bears volunteers: Carrol, Joanne, Rosemarie, and SueAnn for making this event successful.



BEARS NOMINATED FOR AN AWARD

Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care's 'Above and Beyond' award was given to Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild for lap quilts they made for patients. Carolyn said, *"Even though Bears of Hope didn't get the award, it was an honor to be nominated."*

Rainbow's volunteer coordinator, Kathy Huber told Carolyn, *"The bears bring a ray of sunshine to our patients faces"* and President & CEO, Michael McHale added, *"When I walk into the care units, all I see are bears! Our patients love them."*

We've been giving bears to Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care since 2009. When Rainbow became a receiving VA Hospice for terminally ill and dying veterans we started giving them our patriotic bears too. Chaplain John Schumacher, who administers Rainbow's Veteran's Hospice program told us, *"The veterans are most grateful for the bears thanking them for their service to our nation."*



Bears volunteer, Carol Preece (left), Rainbow's President & CEO, Michael McHale, and Bears of Hope Founder, Carolyn Reiner.

COMING EVENTS

*Bears of Hope's Children's Craft Program at
First Bank & Trust's 20th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, September 19, 2015 10am-Noon
8047 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, IL*

Children ages 7-13 are invited to design a *Bears of Hope* bear to bring comfort and hope to someone facing a serious crisis in their life.



Reserving a spot to design a bear begins August 31, 2015 Call 847-329-0400



2014 Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day
Saturday, October 24, 2015 11am - 3pm
Skokie Hospital Conference Room
9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL

Bears of Hope joins USA TODAY's "Make A Difference Day", the largest national day of community service to celebrate the power of people to 'Make a Difference'. This is our third year participating in the event.

**Adults and teenagers over 15 are invited
to help at *Bears of Hope's* project**

Needed: Sponsor for our participation

Contact: Bears@bearsofhope.com or 847-673-4098

VOLUNTEERS CORNER

New Volunteer

Cheri Mandel joined our team and will sew bears.

Join us! There's always room for more. We'll meet with you, explain what we do and ways you can help.

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Drop-Ins

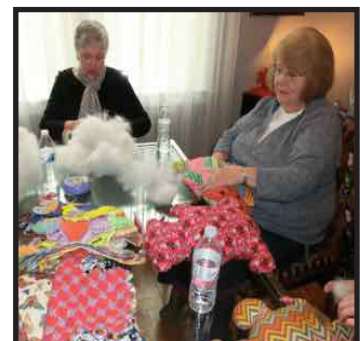
Volunteers came together to work on bears during April through July.

Thank you to the following volunteers who dropped-in:

Carroll Carol P Eileen Jessi Joan Marge Mary

Sandy T Sandy S Sheila M SueAnn Yvonne

A special thank you also to volunteers who picked up materials to sew, stuff or close bears at their home and at their convenience.



Bears of Hope appreciates everything the volunteers do to make bears for children and adults with serious life crises

BEARS SUPPORTERS

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU BEAR HUG TO SUPPORTERS

Your financial support makes it possible for *Bears of Hope* to make and give bears to sick children and adults.

We appreciate what YOU do for us.

AxcessAdvisors, CPA
A-Plus Pest Control
Dr. David Kanarek, DDS, MAGD
Duxler Complete Auto Care
Edward Jones Investments
Fairfield Processing Inc.
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Hi-Tech Auto Body of Skokie

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Triblocal.com
Holly J. Waxman, Interior Designer
Westfield Old Orchard
Anonymous Contributors

GET INVOLVED WITH *BEARS OF HOPE*

By supporting *Bears of Hope*, **YOU** touch the lives of sick children and adults. Our bears give them hugs, comfort and hope.

All **funds are only used** for what's needed for bears. We have no paid staff. **We're all volunteers.**

Any amount helps. Please **help us carry on our work.**

Send **YOUR** check* to:

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They support materials to make bears to comfort sick children and adults.