



Sharing "the Hope" with Kids with Special Needs and their Families

9th Annual Caroling for Kids

Highlights from Christmas Day 2007



Over 500 people registered to participate as carolers this Christmas! (*This broke last year's record of over 300 registered carolers.*) Because of the tremendous response of carolers, our overflow carolers visited adult hospitals, thus the creation of "Caroling for Kids... of all Ages!" ☺

- We had 16 caroling teams visit 10 hospitals. (*This was an increase from visiting five hospitals last year!*) The hospitals include:
 - * In Orlando, FL: Arnold Palmer Hospital, Florida Children's Hospital, Florida East Hospital, Grandma's House, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Orlando Regional Lucerne Hospital, Orlando Regional Medical Center, and Winnie Palmer Hospital.
 - * In Daytona Beach, FL: Halifax Health Medical Center
 - * In Atlanta, GA: Children's Healthcare of Atlanta—Egleston Campus
- Thanks to our partnership with **Z88.3**, thousands of candy canes, beanie babies, snacks, and homemade cookies were collected from the community to share with our friends in the hospital. We especially enjoyed participating in the Z Van Stop at the Wal-Mart Supercenter that was dedicated to the collection of goodies for **Caroling for Kids**.
- Cookies were donated to create over 80 cookie trays to be shared with nurses and caregivers at the hospitals.
- Our "Stories of Hope" booklet was expanded to include stories from last year and was distributed to encourage patients and their families.
- Over 500 hours were given by volunteers to assist in the preparation of **Caroling for Kids**. We are particularly grateful to Pine Castle Christian Academy for their Community Work Day where 50 middle school and high school students spent the day preparing for our outreach.
- This year we started **Caroling Caravan**, which was an opportunity for carolers to visit VIP kids and their families who were homebound for the holidays. We were able to visit and encourage 20 families!



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- We were blessed to form a partnership with two Walgreens districts in Central Florida, which resulted in 57 stores collecting toys and goodies! The toys were delivered by the Caroling Caravan teams to the homes that they visited, to the hospitals, to the kids in our Buddy Break respite program, and to VIP families in need. Many thanks to Walgreens for making ALL of this possible!
- We are especially grateful for our outstanding Planning Team, Team Leaders, Musicians, Donors, Hospital Administrators, and Donation Drop-off locations, including all of our participating Buddy Break churches!



Stay Involved with Us!

- * Plan now to attend our 10th Annual Caroling for Kids on December 25, 2008
- * Be a Buddy friend at Buddy Break
- * Help us Make 'm Smile on June 7, 2008

Find out about these events and view more Caroling for Kids pictures at www.NathanielsHope.org or contact our office for more information!



All of our programs are offered FREE to VIP kids and their families.