



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

Highlights from Caroling for Kids 2008

Our Biggest and Best Year!

Over 550 people registered to participate as carolers this Christmas! We continued last year's "Caroling for Kids... of all Ages!" by going to hospitals that serve more than just kids. We also expanded "Caroling Caravan" and ended up with 72 teams visiting and encouraging 72 families with VIP kids (kids with special needs) who were unable to leave their homes for Christmas!

- We had 16 caroling teams visit 10 hospitals. The hospitals included:
 - * In Orlando, FL: Arnold Palmer Hospital, Celebration Hospital, Disney Children's Hospital (formerly known as Florida Children's Hospital) & Florida 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 elevator at Arnold Palmer Hospital

- Hundreds of hours were given by volunteers to assist in the preparation of **Caroling for Kids**. We are particularly grateful to Pine Castle Christian Academy middle school and high school students, Boone High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Shenandoah Elementary School teachers and students, and gymnastic students and parents from Orlando Metro Gym for participating in our community work days to prepare goodies!



Getting gifts ready for big day

- Thanks to Rossi's Pizza & Pasta and Publix at Conway Crossing, volunteers were kept strong with yummy food!
- We were blessed to continue our partnership with Walgreens in Central Florida, which resulted in 130 stores collecting toys and goodies! The toys were delivered by the **Caroling Caravan** teams to the 150 kids at the various homes that they visited, to the hospitals, to 330 of the kids in our **Buddy Break** respite/kids program, and to an additional 406 VIP kids in need. Many thanks to Walgreens for making ALL of this possible!



Walgreens Elves at Buddy Break



Florida Hospital Team



Blessed with LOTS of toys!



Santa's visit to NICU

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- Thanks to our partners at **Z88.3**, thousands of candy canes, beanie babies, snacks, and cookies were collected from the community to share with our friends in the hospital. We especially enjoyed participating in the Z Van Stops at the Walgreens stores at Waterford Lakes and Maitland which were dedicated to the collection of goodies for **Caroling for Kids**. Thanks also to the Z staff for getting the word out and leading caroling teams!
- We had to have a way to carry all of our goody loot around the hospitals and to the homes, and we're thankful to the Noble Marketing Group who donated 1,000 bags with our Caroling for Kids logo printed on them!
- Over 100 cookie trays were donated to be shared with nurses and caregivers at the hospitals.
- Our "Stories of Hope" booklet was expanded from last year and was distributed to encourage patients and their families.
- We are especially grateful for our outstanding Planning Team, Team Leaders, Musicians, Donors, Hospital Administrators, Donation Drop-off locations, and Toy pick-up/delivery helpers!



Z Crew collects donations at Walgreens



Orlando Regional Medical Center Team



Jodi prepares goody bags



Winnie Palmer Hospital Team



Musicians lead songs of joy



Celebration Hospital Team



"Santa" Paul delivers toys



Halifax Health Medical Center Team

Stay Involved with Us!

- * Plan now to attend our 11th Annual Caroling for Kids on December 25, 2009
- * Be a Buddy friend with a VIP kid at Buddy Break
- * Help us Make 'm Smile on June 6, 2009

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



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