



#### **CAROLING FOR KIDS**

Since Christmas Day in 1998, we have been committed to sharing hope and encouragement with kids, families, and caregivers at Children's Hospitals and with homebound VIP kids and families on Christmas Day through caroling and bearing goodies and gifts. THIS YEAR, WE HAD A TOTAL OF OVER 700 CAROLERS PARTICIPATE WITH US!



## Hospital Caroling Teams

Hospital Caroling Teams made up of individuals and families visit hospitals on Christmas Day to sing carols and deliver Christmas goodies to encourage those who are in the hospital on Christmas Day. This program began in Children's Hospitals but has now expanded to include other Hospitals making it Caroling for Kids "of all ages." 400 CAROLERS, FORMING OVER 15 TEAMS VISITED 10 HOSPITALS IN CENTRAL FLORIDA, LAKELAND FLORIDA AND AKRON, OHIO.



## Caroling Caravans

Caroling Caravans visit homes of homebound VIP kids and families on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day and deliver toys and Christmas cheer to those who are not able to leave their homes. THIS YEAR WE HAD OVER 300 CAROLERS VISIT OUR HOMEBOUND VIP'S AND DELIVER TOYS TO 100 HOMES IN CENTRAL FLORIDA, AND ALL THE WAY TO TALLAHASSEE, JACKSONVILLE, TAMPA AND MIAMI! THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS AT WALGREENS AND IDLEWILE BAPTIST FOR THEIR SPECIAL HELP! ADDITIONALLY, WE SENT OUT TOY CATALOGS TO 16 OUT OF STATE FAMILIES THAT NEEDED HELP THIS CHRISTMAS!



#### TO OUR VALUED PARTNERS

- Walgreens for making the Toy Store a reality!
- Z88.3 for helping get the word out and hosting two Z Van Stops at local Walgreens
- Regional Development Group, Inc. for donating 9,000 sq ft warehouse
- ALL Secure Alarm Company for use of security system
- Universal Foundation for financial assistance!
- Florida Hospital for printing our Stories of Hope
- Regal Boats for ongoing support
- Leland Management, TSA, Cash America, Lake Mary HS, Publix and International Community School for collecting toys!
- Miss DelRusso's Peer Counseling class from Lake Branley HS for helping transform our warehouse into a toy store
- Pine Castle Christian Academy students for hosting a Community Work Day giving 250 hours to prepare goodies for our hospital teams
- Boone HS FCA for making over 200 cards to distribute in hospitals
- Marlin Hutchinson, Walgreens Marketing Vice President
- Walgreens District Managers
  Mr. Drake, Ms. Pauk, Mr. Setlack,
  Mr. Terry and Mr. Velez
- Walgreens Dream Team: Sam Julin, Chris Seimonet, Thom Koby and Paul Mathieson and all of the Walgreen's Community Leaders!

# NATHANIEL'S WORKSHOP TOY STORE WAS AN EXPLOSIVE SUCCESS!

Families with VIP kids in financial need were able to shop for FREE at our Toy Store thanks to the generosity of our amazing partners! **OVER 130 WALGREENS STORES** 

HELPED COLLECT OVER 14,000 TOYS AND GIFT ITEMS INCLUDING THOUSANDS OF STUFFED ANIMALS, CANDY CANES, COOKIES ETC.

- Over 800 families shopped in our Toy Store, representing over 2,800 VIP kids and siblings.
- Additionally, over 1,100 toys were distributed at Buddy Breaks and schools serving kids with special needs throughout Central Florida.
- Over 170 volunteers donated their time to run our Toy Store.
- Each family was provided free childcare as well as assigned a personal shopper.
- Lines started to form 3 hours before our store opened each day!
- Saturday was Walgreens Day where Walgreen's Managers and employees served lunch, wrapped toys, provided photos with Santa and flu shots were given at no cost!
- Prayer teams were available to pray with our VIP families.









