

# Basket of Hope News

Giving hope to children diagnosed with cancer and other serious illnesses.

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## We have Two New Basket of Hope Branches!

We are now delivering baskets in **Albuquerque, New Mexico** with the help of our coordinator, **Marge Davis**! The program is going great and Marge, a nurse, comes qualified to help us bring hope to children with cancer in their local children's hospital. Thanks, Marge!

**We also welcome a new branch in Las Vegas, Nevada** at Sunrise Children's Hospital. **James Maxwell** is helping by providing funders for the program, working with getting the procedures for delivery established with the hospital and finding a branch coordinator. Thanks, James! We would like to thank **Mike Berry** for donating \$10,000 to the Basket of Hope to fund the initial costs of starting the new branch! He is also donating the space to store all of the auction items. Thank you, Mike!!



**Victor Thomas Flinko**  
age 5 and a young leukemia patient received a Basket of Hope! Please keep him in your prayers.



Have you Subscribed to our new **EZine Online Newsletter**? Visit our website at [www.basketofhope.org](http://www.basketofhope.org) and click on the link!

## The following is a recent thank you note received from a Basket of Hope recipient:

I don't even know how to begin to thank you for the beautiful, wonderful, magnificent basket you sent to my daughter RachelJoy. It has taken us 2 days, and we still haven't gotten to everything yet! Between visits to her doctors, and her home care, all we have done is read the books and play with the toys.

She has outgrown her child's Bible, and has wanted another version, so the one you sent is just perfect. With her love of music, nothing could be better than the CD player.

The white bear has been a constant companion day and night. Thank you for choosing a small one that she can hold in her little hands. She has all of her "treasures" in the bookbag, and it's right by her bed again tonight.

I want to be sure you understand that you didn't just send a basket. You sent my daughter hours and hours of distraction, happiness, and encouragement. Her smiles as we've enjoyed the various items have warmed my heart far more than the 90 degree temperatures.

The past two nights she has prayed "thanks for basket. love them Lord. amen" I don't think I can say it any better! May the Lord bring you the resources to provide this kind of happiness to many other families.

His, by His grace,  
Stephanie Strom

## The Basket of Hope and 97.7 JoyFM present... **The Donutman in Concert!**

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# Basket Full of Thanks



A BIG THANKS to **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** for their generous donation of \$100,000. This very generous and appreciated grant will fund the development of the "Heart of the Basket" project.

The "Heart of the Basket" is a project to design, plan, and organize Christian books, journals, CD's, and Videos to go into each Basket of Hope. It is our goal to meet the specific needs of the patients receiving these baskets.

The grant will also assure that each basket delivered will consistently relay the purpose of the Basket of Hope Organization and the same message of hope that comes from Jesus Christ.

We want to thank **Kurt and Brenda Warner** for their monthly deliveries of baskets to Cardinal Glennon for the past 3 years. The Warners will be bringing the Basket of Hope with them and begin delivering baskets to the New York Children's Hospitals. They will be a big help in expanding the Basket of Hope program.

A special thank you to the wonderful, talented, and generous groups of ladies at **Laclede Groves and Cardinal Ritter Institute** for their donations of hand crocheted and knitted items for the baskets. The items are primarily used for the newborn babies and include blankets, little booties and hats. The families are truly amazed that complete strangers spend countless hours making items for their little one.

We are thankful once again to **Susan Zubb, a teacher at Washington Middle School**. While teaching the art of letter writing; she encouraged her classes of **7<sup>th</sup> graders** to write letters to their friends and family, explain the Basket of Hope program, and request their support for the organization. Over \$1,100 was raised for the Basket of Hope! We thank you!

We would like to thank **CPI, Corp.** for donating a free portrait package for each basket delivered not only in St. Louis but by all 7 of the Basket of Hope Branches!! This is such a generous offer as each gift certificate is valued at over \$100! The families will truly enjoy these quality portraits. Thanks, CPI!!

A special thank you to **Andy Benes, former Cardinals pitcher, and Fred Bird** for delivering the Easter Baskets at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. They were assisted by former Basket of Hope recipient, **Jessica Roth!**

We want to thank **Thrivent Financial Branches** for purchasing the items

Thanks to **Concordia Middle School students** for assembling them. Over 125 baskets were distributed!



# Honor and Memorial Donations

Given in Loving Memory of **Betty Brueggeman:**

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