



Giving hope to children with cancer and other serious illnesses



Springfield Branch Basket of Hope Newsletter

Our mission

is to give the hope that comes from Jesus to newly diagnosed children and their families affected by cancer or other serious illnesses, primarily by the delivery of a Basket of Hope filled with inspirational materials to nourish them mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Greetings!

Yes, we are having a major fund raiser in the form of a Dinner Auction. We hope that you will put it on your calendar and join us. It will be

Mark Your Calendar!



an evening of fun and yet an opportunity to help hurting children and their families.

Many volunteers are currently scurrying to talk with possible donors, but we will

tell you that one of our Live Auction items is a beautiful snowman Christmas Tree from the Festival of Trees. Many silent auction items have been collected, and we will provide a list when all of the plans are in place and formal invitations to the event are mailed.

Dinner plans with appropriate costs have also not been finalized.

Currently our preemie deliveries are only to those infants who have parents staying at Ronald McDonald House. Funds from the Dinner Auction should enable us to begin delivery to all preemies at St. John's NICU Ward.

We would be remiss if we didn't mention some other wonderful donations that have been made to our Springfield Branch.

- The Basket Art Guild of Springfield has woven 50 baskets, which are being used for our gift to preemies.
- The Ceramics Guild of Springfield has made medallions for those baskets.
- Several individuals, including one of the Bible Study Groups at West Side Christian Church, continue to donate handmade hats and blankets that are just the right size for those tiny premature babies.



Children newly diagnosed with cancer or other serious illnesses receive a Basket of Hope filled with inspirational materials, toys, hats, games, videos, CDs, CD players, and cameras.

*May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in Him.
Romans 15:13*

In addition, Lutheran High has had two events for us. Last fall, they held a Dessert Auction following their production of “*Just Desserts*.” This summer, the Lutheran High Summer Camp held a Penny Drive and collected over \$2000.

In March, during Lutheran Schools Week, the children at Our Saviors Lutheran School had an awesome week-long toy drive for our baskets. The Moms Club at Cherry Hills Baptist donated cash as well as several toy items.

On July 3, the Christian-Sangamon County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans hosted an Ice Cream Social at Douglas Park to benefit Basket of Hope. This

Thrivent chapter also provided supplemental matching funds (\$1 for every \$2 collected) for the Lu Hi-sponsored Penny Drive.

To-date in 2007, the Springfield Basket of Hope Chapter has delivered 100 preemie baskets and 46 baskets to critically ill children and/or children who have returned for treatment. If a child returning for treatment has already received a basket, we provide a small bag of items that include the Arch Bible Story books.

During 2006, we delivered 100 preemie baskets and 103 baskets for critically ill children. You can see that the need is great.

You are receiving this newsletter because you have made a contribution in-kind, financially, or you have asked to be included in all of our mailings. Perhaps you are already part of the Volunteer Team, and for that, we are most grateful.



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