

HEARTS and SMILES

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NEWS

Welcome to the latest edition of The Hearts and Smiles Foundation newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to learn who we are and what we are trying to accomplish.

OUR MISSION

To provide assistance to low-income families with special-needs children in Montgomery, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia counties, with a particular focus on the needs of *siblings* in those families.

FUNDRAISING EVENT A SUCCESS!

Our first annual **Spring Thaw Golf Classic** was held on Friday, May 4, 2007, at Linfield National Golf Course in Linfield, PA. We had beautiful weather and a great turn-out of golfers. Thank you to all of our participants. And a special thanks to our event sponsors:

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our first annual **Queen of Hearts Casino Night** fundraiser is being held on Saturday, September 22, 2007, at 7 PM in Abington, PA. The night will feature:

◆ Poker, Black Jack, Craps, Roulette, Money Wheel ◆

♠ Food, Drinks, Music ♠

♣ Silent Auction, Tombola Baskets ♣

Watch your mailbox for an invitation.

We are in need of donations to help keep our administrative costs low for this event. If you can help by donating food, soda, water, beer, wine, paper products, auction items and/or basket items, please contact us immediately at 215-669-4221. Thank you for your support.

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~ Sharing Smiles ~

Thanks to The Hearts and Smiles Foundation,

- ☺ Six families in Chester County were able to celebrate Christmas.
- ☺ An 11-year-old with cerebral palsy has a computer and printer to supplement her schooling and entertain her while she sits in her wheelchair.
- ☺ A mother of two boys, ages 2 ½ and 1, can take her children out for walks in their new double stroller.
- ☺ Six siblings in Chester now have a large toy box in which to store their toys.
- ☺ Twins in Philadelphia are learning to eat together in new high chairs and are riding together in their new double stroller.
- ☺ **Since April 2006, we have helped 117 children and their families.**



HELPING HANDS ACROSS THE COMMUNITY

Many thanks to the students and parents at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer elementary school in North Wales, PA, for their collection efforts throughout the school year. A large supply of toiletry items and craft supplies were donated to help fill laundry baskets for our Wish List Program families. Hundreds of items were collected in all. Way to go!

Members of the MOMs group in Skippack, PA collected items during one of their monthly meetings. A van full of supplies, including diapers, wipes and toiletries, was donated to help families. Thank you, ladies!

Cub Scout Packs 414 and 547 held a collection as part of their community service project for the year. The boys collected an entire garage full of items for Hearts and Smiles. Some of the scouts even sorted clothing and toys to earn badges. Thank you to all who helped and contributed!

Ascendia Brands of Hamilton, NJ, donated 107 boxes of baby wipes, baby wash, baby oil, and deodorant. These types of items are given to every family who is referred through our Wish List program. Thank you to all who coordinated this effort!

If your group or organization would like to collect items to benefit The Hearts and Smiles Foundation, please call 215-669-4221 to set up a program.

50/50 RAFFLE



Congratulations to **Brooke Madonna**, the winner of our Rolling 50/50 Raffle. Brooke generously donated her winnings back to the foundation. Thank you to all who purchased tickets, and especially to Brooke for her extreme generosity.

TESTIMONIALS

The following letter was sent to the foundation by one of our referring social workers:

To Whom It May Concern:

...As you saw this afternoon, [the mother] was literally speechless when she saw the multitudes of items that you put together for the family. I know that she was deeply touched by your generosity, and I am certain that with your assistance, this family will be in a far more comfortable situation.



...Sometimes it seems like only a little can be done to help a family; it is so rewarding to see that to the family, what we might consider "little" actually has a profound impact upon their lives. This afternoon, seeing [the mom] so overcome with appreciation was one of those moments; thank you so much for making this possible.

HELP US TO SAVE

If you have received this newsletter in print form, and would like to help us reduce our costs, please send an email to heartsandsmiles@comcast.net, so that we can add you to our electronic mailing list. Or visit our website at www.heartsandsmiles.org and add your email address to our mailing list.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help by donating new items for our families. Check our website for a complete list of suggested items.

We are in need of corporate sponsors. Please consider nominating The Hearts and Smiles Foundation for your company's charitable giving program.

You can also help by spreading the word. With more people helping and giving, more families can receive this gift of kindness.

The Hearts and Smiles Foundation is incorporated as a non-profit organization in the state of Pennsylvania and is recognized as a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3), which makes any contributions tax-deductible.

~ Thank you for your support ~



I want to help families in need. Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to be used where it is needed most.

Please make checks payable to The Hearts and Smiles Foundation
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Helping families, one smile at a time.

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