



## 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.

### 2007 YEAR-IN-REVIEW ~ HIGHLIGHTS

During 2007, our first full year in existence, Hearts and Smiles was able to provide assistance to **157 children** from 62 families. This number almost doubles the number of children we were able to help in our inaugural year.

In addition to all the families we were able to help throughout the year, our Holiday Wish List Program helped an additional **171 children** from 65 families using the sponsorship support of local businesses and individuals.

The families we have helped throughout 2007 encompass two-parent households, single parent situations and guardian relationships. Some households speak English as a second language. Others are reliant upon the wages of disabled earners for survival. A few families have even made donations back to the foundation despite their dire circumstances. Yet all feel the same pride and love for the special children in their care.

- ☺ A family of three from Chester, whose 1 year-old son suffers from Hyperimmunoglobulin E Syndrome (HIE), hypo tonicity, developmental delay, visual impairment, microcephaly and seizure disorder
- ☺ A family of 7 from Philadelphia, whose 9 month-old son suffers from GI issues and Necrotising Enterocolitis (NEC)
- ☺ A family of five from Chester, whose 2 year-old son has feeding issues
- ☺ A family of four from Norristown, whose 4 year-old son suffers from Cri du Chat, a rare genetic disorder
- ☺ A family of six children living with their grandmother in Chester, whose 2 year-old twins suffer from developmental delays

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- ☺ A family of three, whose 7 month-old twins were born prematurely with chronic lung disease
- ☺ A family of four from Norristown, whose 3 1/2 year-old son is autistic
- ☺ A family of three from Conshohocken, whose 4 year-old son is autistic
- ☺ A family of four from Pottstown, whose 1 year-old son has Downs' Syndrome
- ☺ A mother and daughter from Philadelphia, struggling with Cerebral Palsy and premature retinopathy in the 7 year-old little girl
- ☺ A mother and son from Levittown, struggling with Autism in the 3 year-old little boy
- ☺ A family of four from New Britain, whose 8 year-old twin daughter is battling Acute Lymphatic Leukemia
- ☺ A family of six from Philadelphia, whose one year-old triplet daughters are suffering from complications due to prematurity
- ☺ A family of four from Kensington, whose 8 year-old son suffers from Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- ☺ A family of six from Bethlehem, whose 1 1/2 year-old son suffers from Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome
- ☺ A family of five from Chester, whose 2 year-old triplets suffer from developmental delays
- ☺ A family of four from Norristown, whose 16 year-old daughter has Cerebral Palsy
- ☺ A family of three from Holmes, whose 2 1/2 year-old daughter has developmental delays, seizure disorder, feeding problems and is immunocompromised
- ☺ A family of three from Folsom, whose 1 1/2 year-old son suffers from developmental delays
- ☺ A 13 year-old girl, who lives with her aunt and uncle, and who suffers from severe scoliosis and spastic quadriplegia
- ☺ A family of five from Drexel Hill, whose 2 year-old son has seizure disorder and developmental delays

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- ☺ A family of five from Philadelphia, whose 9 year-old son has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- ☺ A family of five from Pottstown, whose 1 ½ year-old son has a rare medical condition called Russell Silver Syndrome
- ☺ A mother and daughter from Narberth, struggling with the 6 year-old's diagnosis of Pervasive Developmental Disorders
- ☺ A mother and son from Lansdowne, struggling with the 4 year-old's developmental delays and abusive father
- ☺ A family of five from Norristown, who has 3 special-needs children
- ☺ A family of three from Perkasie, whose 6 month-old son is suffering from WAGR Syndrome which causes cancerous tumors in the kidneys, no irises, genital abnormalities and mental retardation
- ☺ A family of four from Norristown, whose 2 ½ year-old daughter suffers from Downs' Syndrome
- ☺ A family of three from Philadelphia, whose premature newborn child was diagnosed with Downs' Syndrome
- ☺ A family of seven from Norristown, whose 8 year-old son has mental health issues
- ☺ A family of five from Philadelphia, whose entire family has Marfan Syndrome
- ☺ A family of three from Philadelphia, whose 2 year-old son suffers from speech delay and failure to thrive
- ☺ A family of three from Pottstown, whose 6 month-old son is suffering from shaken-baby syndrome
- ☺ A family of four from Telford, whose 3 year-old son has Pelizaeus-Merzbacher Disease
- ☺ A family of four from Philadelphia, whose twin daughters suffer from complications due to prematurity
- ☺ A family of seven from Croydon, whose 2 ½ year-old son was born with one eye and severe developmental delays
- ☺ A family of four from Chester, whose 1 year-old daughter has developmental delays

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- ☺ A family of three children living with a guardian in Norristown, struggling with the mental illness of the 9 year-old sister
- ☺ A family of six from Philadelphia, whose 1 year-old daughter suffers from failure to thrive and behavioral issues
- ☺ A family of three from Telford, whose 12 year-old son suffers from developmental delays and epilepsy
- ☺ A family of four from Warminster, whose one-month-old suffers from a congenital heart defect
- ☺ A family of five from Lansdale, whose 2 ½ year-old son is suffering from speech delay and ADHD
- ☺ A family of four from Philadelphia, whose 2 year-old son suffers from complications due to prematurity and failure to thrive
- ☺ A family from Willow Grove, whose son is suffering from mental illness
- ☺ A family of three from Sharon Hill, whose 3 year-old daughter suffers from cerebral palsy, reflux, asthma and global developmental delays
- ☺ A family of four from Blue Bell, whose 19 year-old daughter suffers from depression, severe social phobia and avoidant personality disorder
- ☺ A family of three from Avondale, whose 8 year-old twin daughter suffers from brain damage
- ☺ A family of four from East Greenville, whose 2 year-old daughter suffers from Rhett's syndrome and whose 5 year-old son has autism
- ☺ A family of seven from Pottstown, whose 6 month-old son suffers from the rare genetic disorder Ichthyosis
- ☺ A family of three from Norristown, whose 16 year-old son suffers from autistic disorder and mild mental retardation
- ☺ A family of seven from Philadelphia, whose 8 month-old son suffers from failure to thrive, 8 year-old son suffers from autism, and 10 year-old son has asthma

To see our 2006 Year-In-Review Highlights, for more information, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit our website at [www.heartsandsmiles.org](http://www.heartsandsmiles.org).

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