



The HUGS and HOPE Foundation for Sick Children is a unique group with a personal approach.

This allows us to meet specific needs of the families we serve. Our simple goal is bring a little more joy, love, and laughter into the lives of children suffering from critical illness or injuries. What began in 2000 as a disabled grandma's hobby has grown into a nationwide network of over 2500 volunteers who, through prayer, encouragement and "happy mail" have touched the lives of hundreds of children. Our group offers the rare commodity of friendship, which significantly impacts the lives of families in crisis.

HUGS and HOPE Programs

- ❖ **Sending Smiles** to hospitalized children by mailing cheery cards, teddy bears, balloon bouquets, books, and other toys.
- ❖ **Granting Wishes** for everything from swing sets, tickets to rock concerts, and airline tickets to a new bike, a VCR, or an electric guitar.
- ❖ **Helping Santa** by matching sick kids with volunteer "elves" who sponsor needy children for the holidays.
- ❖ **Providing Parent Pals** by matching up isolated parents with volunteers who offer daily encouragement through phone calls, emails, or letters.
- ❖ **24 Hour Chat Group** where parents may connect with others in similar situations or with volunteers who offer encouragement.
- ❖ **Contribute materials** or services, such as postage stamps, office supplies, public relations writing, accounting, etc.
- ❖ **Participate in fundraisers.**
- ❖ **Host a benefit.**

Please support the HUGS and HOPE Club's programs and help them to grow. With your help, we can make a difference for more children facing critical illness. Our programs are made possible through the generous donations of people like you.



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