

cardsforhospitalizedkids

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Actress Delivers Cards and Smiles to Hospitalized Kids

On December 5, Arlene Newman-Van Asperen, actress in the 2011 movie, *Soul Surfer*, visited Miami Children's Hospital in Miami, Fla. to deliver cards made by Cards for Hospitalized Kids volunteers and spend time with patients. Arlene's visit brought smiles to the faces of dozens of hospitalized children.

"I had a wonderful day with the children and staff," Arlene said. "I hope to make another visit in the future."



To learn more about Miami Children's Hospital, visit www.mch.com

SeaWorld Trainers Make Cards for Hospitalized Kids



Joy Clausen, SeaWorld Senior Dolphin Trainer, and her fellow dolphin trainers at San Diego's Rocky Point Preserve took time out of their busy day to make cards for hospitalized kids. The trainers' handmade cards gained nods of approval from the dolphins!

To learn more about SeaWorld, visit www.seaworld.com

3,100 kids
at
35 hospitals

received Holiday cards
this December.

Contest Winner!

CFHK would like to say a big THANK YOU to Jackie from New Jersey, who made

540 cards!

Spreading joy, hope, and magic through cards.

**kid
of the
month!**

Mackenzie

When Mackenzie Tannhauser was in 8th grade, she went into cardiac arrest and suffered a seven-and-a-half minute seizure. Soon after, doctors discovered she had a serious heart condition.

After multiple attempts at treatment, Mackenzie's doctors at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago listed her for a heart transplant last February. She began filming video diaries that followed her life on the transplant list. The video diaries were posted on Children's Memorial Hospital's YouTube site and began inspiring other kids facing health problems, including Cards for Hospitalized Kids founder, and fellow Children's patient, Jen Rubino.

Mackenzie received her heart transplant in September, and her video diaries documented the hardships of her recovery — away from school, friends and normal life. Receiving a card from CFHK helped lessen her feelings of isolation. Mackenzie said that the card "brought her joy in her time of need."

Today, Mackenzie is back at home and is recovering well from her transplant. She continues to make video diaries and hopes to return to school in early 2012.



Mackenzie with her autographed photo from CFHK by actress, author and fashion designer, Lauren Conrad.

To learn more about Children's Memorial Hospital, visit www.childrensmemorial.org

Get Involved!

It takes minutes to make a card, but each card has a long-lasting impact on a child. With your help, we can send joy, hope, and magic to hospitalized kids across the country! All you have to do is send in your creative, handmade cards, and CFHK will take care of the rest. Every card is unique, just like each individual child who receives one. Through CFHK, you can share a smile with a child who needs it.

Please mail your cards to:

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