Lifting Spirits of Children in the Hospital

“The hospital is a scary place for children. With efforts like The Jared Box, it can be less frightening and more like home. Your kind gesture helps us provide special diversions for the patients while they are in the hospital.”

~ Nancy Ramhop, Certified Child Life Specialist

“Before her surgery, my daughter Emma, age 4, was very scared. The nurse gave her a Jared Box and her eyes lit up. She played with stickers and colored, and quickly forgot about her surgery. Before she went to surgery, the nurses used the chap-stick from the box and put it on Emma so she would be “pretty for her surgery.” When Emma woke up the first thing she asked for was her Jared Box. Now that we are home, she walks around with it all day. Thank you for helping her through a very difficult time.”

~ Emma’s Mom

“I am overwhelmed by your generosity and in awe of these incredible Jared Boxes. Play in the hospital helps kids better cope with traumatic situations because it is a natural activity in an unnatural, scary setting. Jared Boxes are like having a “home away from home” in an awesome box, just for them, that they can pull out and play with whenever they want. It doesn’t get any better than this!”

~ Debbie Zeigler, Certified Child Life Specialist

Jared was a brave little boy who battled cancer with the courage and faith that continues to inspire us all. He was only 5 years old, yet demonstrated wisdom and compassion beyond his young age.

Jared maintained his sense of humor and the joys of childhood through play. He carried a backpack filled with toys and games to his appointments. He noticed that other children did not have toys with them and that they often seemed scared or bored. Jared shared his toys with other children and invited them to join him in

Jared’s battle ended on November 12th, 2000. He was surrounded by family and friends and listened to his favorite song, “You’ll Be In My Heart.” Jared’s inspiration lives on through the kindness of others. Jared Boxes are lifting the spirits of children in the hospital.
How to make a Jared Box

Step 1: Get a shoe box size plastic storage container.

Step 2: Decide if the box you are making is for a boy or a girl; then select an age group.

Step 3: Select items for your box like; crayons, card games, puzzles, stickers, & small toys.

Step 4: Personalize and decorate your Jared Box.

Step 5: Deliver your box to your local hospital.

What is a Jared Box?

A Jared Box is a plastic storage box filled with small gifts, games, toys, crayons, coloring books, and activities. The boxes are given to children in the hospital to provide a special, fun diversion. Jared Boxes are given to children in the Emergency Room, Patient Rooms, Cancer Care Center, Surgical Center, and for children receiving other tests or procedures. The boxes calm nerves, lift spirits, and show them that someone cares!

Kids and parents alike are so very thankful for these boxes. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope and love. Your role in continuing this great little project is much appreciated.

How else can I help?

• Make boxes for your local hospital
Have your group make Jared Boxes as a service project. Our website is a one-stop source for organizing your Jared Box Project. From our website, you will learn about the project, get step-by-step instructions, print labels for your boxes, and view our Suggested Toys List.

• Make a donation
The Jared Box Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donate online at our website.

• Spread the word
Over 400,000 Jared Boxes have been made and delivered in all 50 states. Share this idea with your place of employment, church, school, scouts, and other organizations.

• Become a Jared Box Sponsor
If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact us. We would be thrilled to have your support!

Thank you to our printing sponsor

The Jared Box Project
jaredboxproject
@JaredBoxProject
thejaredbox@gmail.com

Thank you to our printing sponsor

Topp Business Solutions