

spreading joy, inspiration and optimism to millions...



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Delivering happy to every patient spending Christmas in the hospital
The Joy Team gives balloons to EVERY patient in Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center

(Vancouver, WA) The Joy Team is spreading holiday cheer by delivering smiley face balloons for each and every patient spending Christmas in the hospital at Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center in Vancouver, Washington. A card with wishes of joy and love and signed by members and volunteers of The Joy Team is attached to every balloon.

"Spending Christmas in the hospital probably isn't anyone's first choice," said Michele McKeag Larsen, founder and Chief Joy Officer at The Joy Team. "We're hoping to make it a little brighter by letting the patients at Legacy Salmon Creek know we're thinking about them. And we wish them lots of joy and love."

Over 90 balloons--enough for every patient spending the night Christmas Eve in the hospital--and cards were delivered on Friday, December 23rd to Arlene Kraft, Manager of Volunteer Services & Gift Shops at Legacy Salmon Creek. Her team distributed them to each floor Friday and the patients will receive them today, on Christmas Eve.

This Joy Team project was made possible by a donation from CRAVE Portland.

About The Joy Team

Founded in February 2010, The Joy Team is a non-profit corporation based in Vancouver, Washington, with the mission of spreading joy, optimism and inspiration to millions. We carry out this mission by helping people shift into a positive frame of mind through the incredible power of positive words. In 2010 we put up 28 billboards, effectively putting 25.9 million seeds of joy out into the world. In 2011 we involved over 300 people in spreading positive messages in 3 countries (USA, France, Netherlands) and 22 U.S. states on August 23rd using sidewalk chalk; and we started a free online directory of organizations working for joy, kindness and love: www.JoyKindnessAndLove.com. Learn more at <http://thejoyteam.org>.