

Indy Hogs Exceed Goal at Peyton Manning

Children's Hospital at St. Vincent

November 24, 2014

When most of us think of our children around the holidays, we envision them running to the tree to see what Santa left. Unfortunately, not all children wake up at home to gifts under the tree. Some children wake up to the sights and sounds of a hospital, and Christmas just doesn't feel the same. Jeff Cox of the Indianapolis Hog Chapter No. 1 approached St. Vincent earlier this year, with the hope of helping kids at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent around the holidays. With Jeff's hard work, and the help of his fellow Hog members, the Indy Hog Chapter did just that through their first annual toy drive for Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent. As the Chair of the Development Committee at the Children's Hospital, I had the privilege of attending the Indy Hog Chapter meeting on November 1. Little did I know that I would be so inspired by this special community of motorcyclists!

My husband and I walked into the Dealership to meet over 100 members of the Indianapolis Hog Chapter No. 1. My heart jumped at the patriotism that was shown by this group and I was inspired by their dedication to serving others. The group set the goal of collecting 500 toys for the kids at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, and even partnered with other community groups to reach this goal, like Fairbanks Academy and the Indy Youth Hockey team. This was impressive to me. Not only would the Indy Hogs give to the community but they would also build the spirit of giving into the next generation!

This group gave me so much energy that I returned the following weekend to take part in the toy delivery. The Dealership was abuzz with energy, Santa, toys, bikers, Fox 59, and a police escort! The group made their way carefully through the Northside streets of Indianapolis carrying 1,260 toys, and additional monetary gifts and gift cards – more than exceeding their goal!

This delivery will provide courage, laughter, and support for the children who are hospitalized both now and in the future. Through generous gifts from groups like the Indianapolis Hog Chapter No. 1, every child in the hospital is able to receive a gift on Christmas Day, and even throughout the year for birthdays, end-of-treatment parties and as reward or recognition for how well a child has handled a medical procedure. These special gifts and toys are also used to help with pain management and relaxation to minimize fears and improve coping skills.

Thank you so much to the Indy Hogs, and congratulations to them on a job well done! This is an experience that I will never forget, and will leave a lasting impact on so many patients and families served at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent.

May each of you enjoy a blessed holiday season,

Cathy Foley

Member, St. Vincent Foundation Board of Directors

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at  St. Vincent

January 24, 2015

Jeff Cox
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Dear Hog Chapter No. 1 Members,

Thank you for donating so many wonder toys and gift cards to our patients and families here at the hospital. Thank you Mr. Moore for your cash donation on behalf of your wife Lori. We have been passing out all your toys and gift cards and you all did such an amazing job coming together on all your motorcycles to drop off the items. Thank you Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis and your partners for coming together as one. Patients and staff were so excited and were talking about your visit for days! I am sorry more of you could not go up and visit with the kids, but for those of you who did thank you for coming to the hospital and visiting with the children and families here at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and the time you all took to come here.

When children come to the hospital, they are often scared and when we have special visitors, they get excited and it gives them something to look forward to throughout their day. They loved seeing Santa and getting a candy cane and ring. Thank you so much for taking time to come in and go room to room to see our patients. The items you have donated have been so wonderful, I have personally handed out several gift cards to patients for their birthdays and for families to use during their stay, and they are greatly appreciated! All of the toys have been a huge hit as you all had so many items for every age range and the kids love receiving a toy when they are in the hospital! Thank you once again for thinking of our patients, families, and we hope you will return soon.

Sincerely,

Jill Hemmer, CCLS, CPST
Peyton Manning Children's Hospital



December 2014

Jeff Cox
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To the Members of the Indianapolis Hog Chapter:

Children battling cancer, heart disease and other childhood illnesses are my heroes. They face opponents far worse than any I've met on the football field. That's why I'm honored and proud to be a part of Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent. The mission at St. Vincent is to serve all persons with special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable, and I am humbled that you chose to be part of our mission.

By contributing your time and donation of thousands of dollars' worth of toys to the kids at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, you became a hero to someone very special. Your contribution is deeply appreciated and is a significant demonstration of your caring for our community.

Thank you for caring about kids and for joining our team at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent in supporting my young heroes.

Sincerely,



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