

Kidzz Helping Kidzz promotes a culture of kindness, giving & mutual support in our community

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# Love in Action

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*Can the compassionate heart of one child, 9 year-old Zachary from Bremerton, make a difference in the lives of Kidzz in the hospital? Read on...*



Kidzz Helping Kidzz Easter Collection Box at Silverdale Lutheran until **APRIL 14**

Three years ago, 9 year-old Zachary Darner's infant brother was quite ill and in the hospital three times. It was very scary to see him hooked up to so many tubes. After that experience, Zachary decided that he wanted to help kids feel less scared in the hospital and so tried to raise 50 new toys to give to children at Harrison Hospital and Mary Bridge Children's Hospital during the Christmas holiday. Zachary felt kids needed to experience hope and joy in the hospital, so he went door to door in his neighborhood sharing fliers about his *Kidzz Helping Kidzz* project. He set up collection boxes around town & shared the project at school. The toy drive collected 259 new toys!

In 2017, Zachary increased his goal to gather 1,000 new toys to give children at those two hospitals and Seattle Children's Hospital. Zachary gave presentations at local Rotary Clubs, schools & even to the Mayor of Bremerton, looking for support. Zachary delivered 1,589 toys!

In 2018, Zachary set a goal to raise 5,000 new toys to give to children during the Christmas holidays. He again searched out support and also formed an Advisory Board of kids who helped him deliver the toys. The kids delivered 5,890 toys which were given to children at the three hospitals.

For 2019, Zachary once again wants to bring joy, hope and celebration to children who are unable to be at home for the holidays. Zachary and the Advisory Board are working hard to deliver 200 Easter boxes filled with toys to children with cancer at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Seattle Children's Hospital. The 200 boxes are being hand painted by the Advisory Board kids.

During the 2019 Christmas holiday, Zachary's goal will be to raise over 6,000 new toys for children at those two hospitals and Harrison Hospital. These hospitals will accept as many toys as *Kidzz Helping Kidzz* can share with them.

Thank you, Zachary, for inspiring SLC folks to share new toys with the *Kidzz Helping Kidzz* project!



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How can you promote kindness and support this Easter project?

NEW items requested by Seattle Children's and Mary Bridge Hospitals for Kidzz 2 - 18 years old

*New books, puzzles, art supplies, journals, small stuffed animals, games (not video), Kindles, Nooks*

A wonderful opportunity to give Easter hope and joy to children with cancer!

God's work. Our hands.