

Lions in Residence

- Johns Hopkins Children's Center
- University of Maryland Medical Center
- Children's National Medical Center
- National Institutes of Health
- University of Virginia Medical Center
- Yale New Haven Medical Center
- Walter Reed Army Medical Center
- Kennedy Krieger Institute
- Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center
- Maryland & Delaware State Police (All Medical Helicopters)
- Cook Children's Medical Center
- St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center
- Penn State Children's Hospital
- Children's Hospital at Sinai
- United States Naval Hospital Portsmouth
- Children's Inn at N.I.H.
- Maryland Army and Air National Guard (Family Support for Children of WIA/KIA service members and other children in Crisis)
- United States Army Wounded Warrior Program (Family Support)
- United States Marine Corps (Family and Wounded Warrior support.)
- Nemours / Alfred I DuPont Hospital for Children
- University of Pennsylvania Milton Hershey Medical Center
- Janet Weis Children's Hospital / Geisinger Medical Center
- Mercy Medical Center
- Deborah Heart and Lung Center
- St. Thomas Hospital
- Baptist Hospital
- King's Daughters Children's Hospital
- Mt. Washington Pediatrics Hospital
- St. Agnes Hospital
- Courage Kids Programs
- The Crossnore School
- Center for Grief and Loss at Stella Maris
- Victory Junction Gang Camp. Established by Richard Petty of NASCAR fame. (Supported by 18 hospitals in the SE United States)
- Various Summer Camps, Children's Counseling Programs, Rehabilitation Centers and Hospices
- Countless individual children in crisis throughout the United States and several foreign nations, etc.



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Courage Lion Program



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The Courage Lion Program has experienced extraordinary success and unparalleled growth since its launch in June, 2006.

In the United States over 500,000 children enter critical care facilities and 45,000 die annually. This is only the tip of the iceberg as millions of children experience similar uncertainties, insecurities and fears that you can help relieve.

Developed in cooperation with the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, this program provides proven therapeutic solutions consisting of "Duffy the Courage Lion," an insightfully written and vividly illustrated children's book entitled "Courage Pockets" and an audio book with dynamic narration, encouraging songs, music and special effects. This unprecedented program has made a unique impact on the lives of critically ill, traumatized, abused, grieving and other children in crisis. Uncertainty, insecurity and fear befalls everyone during severe illness, trauma, abuse or crisis; but the level of disquiet is magnified for children, especially the developmentally disabled.

The results afforded by the Courage Lion Program have excited medical professionals, child life specialists and clergy, while enthraling children. Our benevolent supporters and dedicated volunteers in conjunction with professionals from leading hospitals and health care facilities have joined in a relentless effort to help children and families through a journey of healing. Their commitment has produced national and international acclaim for the Courage Lion Program as it provides children in crisis with the creative solutions for:

- Facilitating communication
- Engendering hope
- Bolstering courage

With the "Courage Lion" by their side, children have another means to express themselves. As an example, the lion has longer front legs offering children a way to place the paws over the eyes of the lion, if he/she is feeling fearful, overwhelmed, or over the ears if the message being conveyed is of concern. Another feature of the lion is the courage pocket with a heart and a mock river stone. While the pocket is used to gather and display messages and symbols of courage and accomplishments, medical professionals will use it as part of therapeutic treatment.

The related children's book, "Courage Pockets" introduces the story of a young lion, Duffy, who faces the challenges of recovering from an injury. In reading about Duffy's feelings and experiences, children have the opportunity to identify and communicate about their own feelings and situations. When read with a parent or other adult the book offers valuable opportunities for children and caregivers to discover and validate feelings, concerns, coping strategies, expand self-awareness and encourage sharing and discussion. An advantage to story telling is that it is often



less threatening to displace a traumatic event or other crisis onto a character in a book, thus allowing children to express their own fears through the characters in the story. The accompanying CD presents an audio version (English and Spanish) of the book along with a rich variety of original songs that complement Duffy's story, reinforcing the message of hope and courage.

Courage Unlimited Corporation is a 501 (c) (3) volunteer, non-profit, tax-deductible organization that provides the Courage Lion Program free to selected hospitals, hospices, military organizations, treatment facilities, special camps, children in crisis etc. The funding to operate the program is derived through donations from compassionate individuals, organizations and corporations in the



respective communities. Making A Roaring Difference impacts children in crisis, their families and you, as the personal satisfaction, sense of accomplishment and memories will be yours for a life time. This program is a "Gift from the Heart of the Community" in which everyone can participate as they wish from a \$20.00 donation to sponsor a child or organize a fund raising event (dance, golf tournament, basket bingo, etc.) to organizations/corporations sponsoring the program for a medical/treatment facility or camp.

The acceptance and request for the Courage Lion Program have grown beyond all expectations with needs existing in:

- Critical care facilities
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Outpatient treatment/counseling
- Hospice care
- Treatment/counseling of intellectually/developmentally disabled
- Family violence and abuse
- Children's grief and support groups
- Therapeutic camps and special programs
- Medical evacuations and natural disasters
- Grief counseling of siblings and parents
- Counseling of children, younger siblings and family members after the injury/wounding/combat death of armed forces personnel or service related serious injury/death of fire/police personnel, etc.
- For any child or adult in crisis

With your support, this proven program will continue to touch the hearts of children in distress by reducing their fears and helping them to find the courage to complete their journey of healing.

TOGETHER WE WILL
MAKE A ROARING DIFFERENCE
ONE CHILD AT A TIME!