

Guideposts for Kids
Comfort Kit

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Sparkle the Caring Star debuts at Cleveland Clinic

On July 11th 2012, Guideposts Outreach will sponsor a Kids Appreciation Day at Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital starring "Sparkle" the caring star. The event will take place from 10am to 1pm. at 9500 Euclid Avenue (M3 playroom) in Cleveland, OH.

The Kids Appreciation Day was developed to give young patients a break; an opportunity to have fun, to know that people really care about

their well-being and that they are not alone. Especially "Sparkle" the caring star, who will make a debut appearance at the event. Sparkle, the main feature in the Guideposts for Kids Comfort Kit is part of a program designed to comfort kids during what can often be a difficult time during their hospital stay. Imagine a 5 or 7 year old child, alone in a strange place, not feeling well, and having to experience multiple procedures. Going to the hospital can be a frightening experience for a young child, which is why Guideposts Outreach created the Comfort Kit. Each Comfort Kit contains "Sparkle", a plush star shaped pillow, a personal name tag, an "I'm Special" bracelet, prayer card, stickers, stress ball, feedback card, crayons, musical CD, and a journal. In six years, over 80,000 children have received Comfort Kits in 200 hospitals across 42 states.

The exciting event will consist of face painting, table top games, a ring toss and arts and crafts. "Sparkle" will distribute the Guideposts Comfort Kit to all children in attendance and make special rounds to children who can't leave their rooms. "Sparkle's" guest appearance will really let children know just how much they are appreciated. Putting a smile on kid's faces, giving them hope and helping to ease their fears is how "Sparkle" will help to create a memorable experience.

At Cleveland Clinic Hospital, every child receives world-class care. Their goal consists of having children and adolescents they care for back on their feet and living a normal life as quickly as possible. Since 2010, Cleveland Clinic as part of their service to kids has provided over 600 Comfort Kits to sick and injured children.

Kids Appreciation Day reflects the partnering of hospitals and communities to service hospitalized children and their families. There is no greater joy than seeing the smile of a young child as they cope with a difficult situation. For more information about the program, please email Rhonda Neal at rneal@guideposts.org