



March 2024

Dear Friends,

In the month of March, we felt the luck of the Irish! We had so many volunteers that stepped up to help us prepare Comfort Cubs for Disaster and Victim Services, a national nonprofit organization. This organization helps provide comfort to those affected by man-made and natural disasters all over the United States.

This month, we delivered Comfort Cubs to our friends at Cedars-Sinai Los Angeles and our new friends at the Marsell Wellness Center in San Diego. Also, we were fortunate that our long-time friends at Scripps Clinic in San Diego, featured the Comfort Cub in their award winning magazine, San Diego Health.

Thank you for continuing to support our mission to provide comfort to all those experiencing loss and trauma. We are blessed and lucky to have your love and support!

We wish you the luck of the Irish in the months ahead!

Warmly,

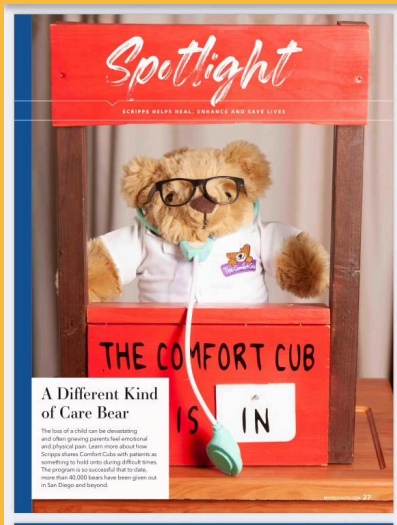
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We are so grateful that this month, Chaplain Tony Dickey and his Comfort Cub "Hope" were willing to travel over 2,000 miles to pick up 500 Comfort Cubs that our volunteers prepared for his nonprofit organization, Disaster and Victim Services. We first met Chaplain Dickey on our trip to Uvalde, Texas in 2022. He had a relief booth right next to ours. When they ran out of supplies, he offered to help us distribute our Comfort Cubs to the community. We stayed in touch and have been fast friends ever since.

Tony is a chaplain with the Alabama state troopers. He founded the nonprofit organization, Disaster and Victim Services in 2011. Their mission is to give spiritual and emotional support to communities devastated by man-

made and natural disasters. As a law enforcement officer, he has access to areas we could never get to on our own. Through his national connections, he helped us bring Comfort Cubs to the survivors of the wildfires in Maui, the mass shooting survivors in Nashville, Tennessee and Lewiston, Maine. The Cubs our volunteers helped prepare for Chaplain Tony's organization will be distributed to people who have experienced loss and trauma.



San Diego Health Magazine

"A different kind of Care Bear" was the cute title of the article about The Comfort Cubs in the spotlight section of San Diego clinic's award winning magazine, San Diego Health. It was an honor to be featured in their magazine after almost 25 years of working together. To see the full article, please click [here](#).



Cubs for Cedars-Sinai

The labor and delivery nurses at Cedars-Sinai have seen a recent increase in fetal demises at their hospital. They reached out to us and were so thankful to receive Comfort Cubs as a resource for their patients and families who have experienced the loss of a child.

"The bears are on the unit and everyone is so incredibly grateful!"

- Natalie C., RN

Marsell Wellness Center

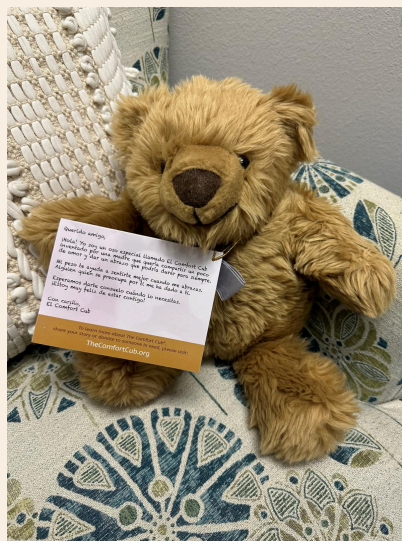
We recently received a Comfort Cub request from regional clinical supervisor, Liliana Ponce, of the Marsell Wellness Center in San Diego.

The center is a transitional foster care agency providing therapy and other services for youths up to age 17. Liliana knew the positive impact holding a Comfort Cub had, since she was one of our volunteers who helped prepare Cubs after the Uvalde school shooting.

Upon receiving Cubs at their Escondido and San Diego locations this month, she said, ***"We have identified minors who will benefit from these Cubs. We have placed a Cub in each therapy room for minors to hold while in session with us. Thank you for the thoughtful message in Spanish (on the back of every card that comes with the Cub)– minors will be able to read it given that many of them are Spanish speaking.***

I truly, truly thank you from the bottom of my heart!"
- Liliana P.

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"We received a Comfort Cub after our daughter passed away in the NICU. Our other daughter who is 6, sleeps with it every night and takes her almost everywhere. She calls her "Sissy" Bear. Sissy Bear is now part of our family.

Here are some pictures of her and her Sissy Bear on vacation, she even propped her up so Sissy can watch during take off." - Angela M.



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