



January 18th, 2017

Dear Friend,

Alex's Army will be holding our **3rd Annual Kids Helping Kids Care Package Donation Drive** and I am reaching out to you for your support. Our 2016 event was a huge success! With the donations we received just last year we were able to fill over 350 care packages which were mailed to children and families whose lives have been impacted by various childhood cancers as well as to 6 different Children's Hospitals in the U.S.

Hospitals we reached in 2016 included

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| *Inova Fairfax Children's Hospital, Falls Church, VA | *Children's National Medical Center, Washington DC |
| *Pediatric Specialists of Virginia Clinic, Falls Church, VA | *Kosair Children's Hospital, Louisville, KY |
| *UVA Children's Hospital, Charlottesville, VA | *Children's Hospital of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO |

We know first-hand what it's like to spend lengthy periods of time in the hospital. My son Alex was diagnosed with Stage IV Wilm's tumor when he was 5 years and fought for 7 years until he passed away in June of 2016. He helped us come up with the items in the care packages as many of the items represents things we did to pass time while in the hospital: We used glow sticks as nightlights when he was first diagnosed, we had fun making a sock puppet with a kit that was given to us, small toys and knick-knacks always passed some time, and as he got older these knick-knacks were replaced by iTunes cards and Joke books. Before Alex passed away he helped make 2 of last years' hospital deliveries and he LOVED it! He got to be on the other end of witnessing the joy even just a small simple toy brings to the kids and families whose days can be long and stressful. The care packages we are able to put together and the joy we are able to bring are solely thanks to your support!

Alex's Army has been doing great things for the Childhood Cancer Community; we take pride in our mission which is 3-fold:

- *Funding Research** – To date Alex's Army has funded over \$140,000 towards Childhood Cancer Research!
- *Raising Awareness** - Alex's Army actively participates in awareness events such as CureFest DC, Rallies at the NIH, and through awareness campaigns both on our website and Social Media.
- *Providing Support through Faith, Hope, and Love** – Since we began in 2014 we have delivered and mailed out over 450 care packages and 174 Prayer Pillowcases to patients & their families impacted by Childhood Cancer!

We hope that you will consider participating in this years' donation drive event. This is a great way for kids in the community to GET INVOLVED and to help their classmates whose lives have been forever changed by childhood cancer!

For any questions or to participate in this years' drive, please contact
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Together we WILL make a difference in the lives of children battling cancer...TOGETHER WE ARE ALEX'S ARMY!

With Faith, Hope, and Love Always,

Jenni Green

President and Co-Founder

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A financial statement is available upon written request from the Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs.

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