



THE ANCHOR

A Project Hope Quarterly Newsletter

*Project Hope is an organization
dedicated to inspiring HOPE during
the traumatic event of a child's
unexpected or long-term
hospitalization.*

*We provide support and encouragement
to families during this stressful time.*

*We believe parents and guardians
must take care of themselves
physically, emotionally and spiritually
in order to meet the overwhelming
needs of their hospitalized children.*

"Sparks of Hope"

What do you think of when you think of a spark? Do you imagine a jolt, a gleam, a flash of bright light or an inspiration?

I have often used the words "sparks of hope" to describe the little jolts or flashes of hope I would feel when someone helped our family during Tyler's hospitalizations. So many times when he was in the hospital I would feel the beginnings of hopelessness overtake me. Every time that happened someone would do something to help us and I could plainly feel a "spark of hope". I have no doubt that those sparks were God's love flowing through people to reach me and my family when we really needed to feel His presence.

A thank you note arrived in our Project Hope email box just recently from a family who received one of our totes. In the email a mother refers to our "physical offer of assistance" in the gift of a Project Hope tote bag. A canvas tote, literally and figuratively, filled with love by many willing and able hands. It is my prayer that this mom and her family received a "spark of hope" because of that tote bag.

A few bright sparks of light and hope have grown into Project Hope, a vessel used to spread much love, over the last 3 years. This November we will be celebrating the third anniversary of our first gifts to families at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. We have been blessed to be able to provide 1,723 baskets/totes since then. That equates to approximately \$86,150.00 worth of physical gifts dispersed by Project Hope. Thank you to each and every person who has helped us to provide "sparks of hope" with generous gifts of time, talents and money and prayer!

With God's Blessing,

Kim Sebring, President
Project Hope of Zelenople, Inc.



CHILDREN ARE THE ANCHORS THAT HOLD A MOTHER TO LIFE. - Sophocles

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If you would like to be contacted by

Project Hope when a specific need

arises, please e-mail us at

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Tis the Season...

The holidays are just around the corner and soon we will be gathering with friends and family to share our many blessings.

We are so grateful to the many who have given their time, money and most importantly their hearts to Project Hope.



The greatest gifts we receive are the countless Thank You's from families who have been given our totes when a loved one was hospitalized. Our totes have truly lifted spirits, brought a happy tear or a smile to someone's face; these little gifts from complete strangers...and HOPE. The HOPE that good things can happen, the belief that anything is possible and the knowledge that they are not alone.

This holiday season may you too be blessed with faith, love and HOPE. Project Hope is selling heart shaped HOPE ornaments to decorate your tree or give to someone dear. Ornaments are \$6.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing an ornament, please call 724-452-8120.

TOTAL TOTE BAG DELIVERY

as of October 2007

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Public Charity 501(c)(3) Status

Project Hope of Zelenople, Inc. was recently granted 501(c)(3) federal tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. This means that Project Hope is officially recognized as a Public Charity by the IRS. Donations to Project Hope of Zelenople, Inc. are now recognized as fully tax deductible.

NEW WEBSITE TO LAUNCH IN 2008

We have been working on the launch of our new and improved website. Special thanks to Jack Harbaugh who initially began the process of redesigning our site. Gary Berish is carrying forward with this undertaking and restructuring our existing site to make it more appealing and easy to navigate.



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Horse Trading Days

This summer at the annual Horse Trading Days in Zelenople proved to be another great success for Project Hope. Thanks to Eppinger's Barber Shop, we were able to display our information table and raffle off a handmade quilt, Courtesy of Jane Kennedy. The event allowed Project Hope to raise over \$500 dollars. The lucky winner of the quilt "Baskets of Hope" was Julie Kasing of Zelenople. (Pictured below)



