**“Bringing Moments of Joy / Leaving Happy Memories”**

**2022 activities and impact**

2022 was an incredible year that had a great impact for those we serve, thanks to the work and generosity of our supporters.

We are excited to add Wave Healthcare as one of our annual corporate supporters. We are very grateful to be one of the many wonderful organizations Wave supports in helping sick and disabled children and their families. Just before Christmas, our Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by the home of two very special Wave patients. The addition of Wave helped annual donations stay on par with the previous year despite economic challenges we have all felt recently.

Two events in July were exciting and impactful. Our Christmas in July gift card drive netted 184 gift cards for meals and gasoline that were passed on to families at RMDH and Cook Children’s Hospital. Quik Trip once again blessed us with matching donation in fuel cards. Also in July, our Santa was invited to the birthday party for a 4 year old boy named John. Instead of bringing gifts for John, his parents asked his friends and family to bring gifts for Santa to give to sick and disabled children. What a wonderful thing to do.

Twice a year we can buy toys at a great discount from Mattel Charity Sales. When Cook Children’s asked for Phisher-Price items for their infants, Mattel allowed us to make a special purchase and granted the same discounted price.

Toy drives in December grew over last year from The Children’s Spot of Mansfield, Crossroads Church of Cleburne, Valley Creek Church - Men’s Circle, helping to make our biggest toy delivery yet.

Our December toy delivery to Cook Children’s was our biggest yet. We delivered 2,164 toys, and Santa was escorted by riders from Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA). Pam with Discount Feed & More of Forest Hill, donated the use of a U-haul truck to deliver everything in one trip. Samsill Corp donated several journals that were paired with pens and Sonic gift cards for teens at RMDH and Cooks that were a big hit.

We also delivered toys and games to RMDH and covered lodging for the Shelby family and two others at local hotels and Airbnb’s who offer discounted rates thru RMDH. What a wonderful holiday gift to help families stay together and close to their child undergoing lifesaving treatment.

For the first time since COVID started, Santa and Mrs. Claus were invited to Cook Children’s Hospital to visit kids in isolation awaiting bone marrow transplant and undergoing Chemo infusion. It was wonderful to once again be able to visit in person and help put smiles on some young faces. We think this will be an annual visit. These kids are so incredibly strong considering what they are going through. We also met an incredible young lady who chose to celebrate 1 year of being cancer free by fundraising and putting together goody bags for the kids on the isolation floor. We’ve offered to help should she decide to continue her efforts.

Amazon announced the termination of Amazon Smile as of February 20, 2023 and will focus their charitable resources to a few organizations to have a bigger impact in some areas of need. Those who supported STNCC through Amazon Smile can continue their support directly at **STNCC.org**, Click on **Donate**.

As 2023 begins, we continue to look for ways to help the kids, families, and organizations we serve. We are so grateful for the blessing of support we receive from the community to help “**Bring moments of Joy & Leave Happy Memories”** for so many children and families.