

January 2006

Dear Emily and Matthew Dr. and Mrs. Leinwand Crayons For Kids "Operation Scribble",

Wow! How can we say "Thank You"? What a fantastic event "Operation Scribble" was!! We are just amazed at the outpouring of generosity that came forth from the Kalamazoo community. All of us in the Child Life Department are overwhelmed at the amount of toys collected on that special day! What a fantastic project all of you planned and worked so hard on.

We had a full census the week before Christmas and because of your care and dedication to "Crayons for Kids" each of our patients received a big gift bag of presents hand selected for them! To be honest the donations we usually receive from the public at the Holiday season were significantly lower than the usual volume. Needless to say without "Operation Scribble" our patients would not have gotten such wonderful Christmas gifts from Bronson during their hospitalization.

The boxes of toys and supplies that were delivered to our playroom continue to be unpacked and utilized in our program. We have shared many items such as prize box "give aways" with the following departments that service pediatric patients:

Outpatient Testing
Radiology
Ultrasound
Pediatric Neurology
Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

NICU (for siblings) Emergency Department Pediatric Sub-Specialties Pediatric Rehab Clinic Pediatric Surgery

What a blessing this project has been to so many pediatric patients here at Bronson! Thank You - Thank You - Thank You!

I am also sending a letter to Diane and the staff of WRKR for their tremendous support of "Operation Scribble" for the benefit of our patients.

We hope that this wonderful event can become an annual one for years to come!

Sincerely,

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