



## Hope for Henry Foundation Brings Superheroes & Hope to Hospitalized Children

Kids love superheroes. Mythic figures like Superman and Batman represent unimaginable power and the promise that good will win out over evil. For kids with life-threatening illnesses these are particularly potent ideas. For them, superheroes represent the prospect of a world away from their hospital rooms – a world where they can win the battle over their illnesses, and create a life that better fits their dreams.

Hope for Henry Foundation, which brings laughter and entertainment to hospitalized kids, brings superheroes and the hope they represent to the kids who need them most. Hope for Henry Superhero Celebrations feature everything superhero, including providing hospitalized children with:

- ★ Visits from live superheroes like Batman, Wonder Woman, and Spiderman;
- ★ Onsite photo booths so kids can take pictures with their favorite superheroes or villains;
- ★ Caricaturists who draw pictures of the kids as superheroes;
- ★ Superhero-themed art projects, including cape and mask decorating;
- ★ Superhero costumes, masks, capes and related accessories;
- ★ Superhero action figures and play sets;
- ★ Superhero t-shirts; and
- ★ Superhero stickers, books, temporary tattoos; among other fun gifts.

During the events, Hope for Henry shows superhero movies; provides cake and other snacks; and organizes parades and games.

Kids living with serious, long-term illnesses spend days, weeks, months, even years, moving in and out of the hospital as they undergo critical medical procedures and life saving treatment. As their immune systems recover from bone marrow transplants and chemotherapy, they are vulnerable to infection and are unable to attend school, and to participate in activities like sports, music lessons, ballet or other fun activities. Hope for Henry hosts superhero celebrations, Halloween parties, summer carnivals, and birthday parties throughout the year to ensure that they do not miss out on some of the best things about being a kid.

*Hope for Henry (HFH) improves the lives of kids with cancer and other serious illnesses by providing carefully chosen gifts and specially-designed programs to entertain and promote comfort, care and recovery. HFH brings smiles and laughter, hope and magic into the lives of these children and their families.*