



# Hope for Henry Foundation

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## Hope for Henry Halloween Parties Ensure Hospitalized Children Don't Miss Out on the Best Day of the Year

Kids love Halloween. The opportunity to dress up and to get as much free candy as you can carry makes Halloween one of the best days of the year. Hope for Henry Halloween parties give hospitalized kids a chance to celebrate one of their favorite holidays by giving them brand new costumes so they can trick or treat and participate in parades throughout the hospitals. From the hematology/oncology clinics to radiology and surgical waiting rooms, hundreds of princesses, witches and superheroes fill decorated hospital corridors with cheer while collecting candy and toys at Hope for Henry-sponsored trick-or-treat stations. For those too ill to leave their hospital rooms, Hope for Henry delivers costumes, gift bags and Halloween cheer.

Hope for Henry, which brings laughter and entertainment to hospitalized kids, hosts Halloween celebrations for hundreds of hospitalized children throughout the Washington metropolitan area and beyond.

Each celebration includes the following:

- 🎃 Vast selection of costumes and accessories for patients from babies to teenagers;
- 🎃 Decorations to create a festive atmosphere in pediatric clinics and patient rooms throughout the hospital;
- 🎃 Cauldrons filled with candy and Halloween-themed toys at trick-or-treat stations throughout the hospital;
- 🎃 Gift bags filled with Halloween goodies; and
- 🎃 Refreshments for a party for those patients and siblings well enough to leave their hospital rooms.

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 Halloween parties, summer carnivals, superhero celebrations 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.*

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