



CARES Auxiliary needs your help to support our patients during this upcoming holiday season. You can make a difference in the life of another human being through your generosity and by sharing the spirit of giving. It is our goal to help the families who depend on the Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center for their healthcare by providing their children with gifts, toys, clothing and food gift certificates.

CARES wish has always been to comfort patients during catastrophic illness and serious injury. The challenges they face can often be overwhelming, but no time more than during the Holiday Season. Worrying about a sick child or being a parent who becomes incapacitated due to their own medical problems, can make one feel isolated. Often they feel they have nowhere to turn. Those who watch over a child who requires constant care or are too ill to care for their own children, often need encouragement. CARES wants to lend a hand--to reach out to the patients and say 'someone does care about you.' We may not be able to solve all their hardships, but by providing them with toys and gifts and food gift certificates, we can improve the morale of these families. All donations to this campaign go directly to help those in need. Share what you can. Involve community organizations who could sponsor a toy drive. Have a holiday party and request that your guests bring donations of food gift certificates. Help us be an advocate to bring holiday cheer to those that need it most.

You may make a monetary contribution payable to "CARES" with "Holiday Gift Giving" written on the check, or ask that the donation be made on your credit card. You may access the CARES website at lacusccares.org and make a donation through PayPal. If you want to collect toys and gifts, please think of children over twelve (movie coupons or gifts of sporting equipment). Also, you can call Nancy or Karla in the CARES office and they will name specific items that a parent or child has requested. Some of those requests are so simple: a pillow for a child's bed or diapers for the new baby or the constant request for food (food gift certificates only). I can be reached at 323-226-6941 or 6952. You can also contact us by email at ktorres@dhs.lacounty.gov.

Best Wishes,

Margie Dolinski, Executive Director
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