



OUR *Mission*



The mission of The Confetti Foundation is to supply birthday parties to children who are hospitalized, receiving treatment at an outpatient oncology clinic or at a Hospice facility on the day of their birthday. The foundation was started with the hope that families will be able to shift their focus from their child's sickness for just 30 minutes and celebrate. Although the party is not a cure, it is a welcomed distraction for the families, it creates positive memories in a hospital environment, brings communities together and a wonderful reminder that EVERY child deserves to be celebrated!



About Us

The idea for The Confetti Foundation was developed when event designer Stephanie Frazier Grimm's Godson was born 8 weeks premature with many complications. Stephanie's friend spent hours every day driving to her hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit caring for "Baby C" as he gradually grew stronger.

During those long drives, Stephanie and her friend would talk about their families, the weather, their jobs, the good times they had in college, and anything else that served as a much-needed distraction. One conversation led to Baby C's hospital "buddy", who was celebrating his 1st birthday. His entire life had been spent in the walls of the NICU.

Stephanie questioned what happened when children are in the hospital on their birthdays. Were they given a party? Who was responsible for getting all the decorations? After weeks of research, it was determined that all children were given a present from the hospital, but not matching decorations to have a themed birthday party. This was the responsibility of the families.

Having spent her own 13th birthday in the hospital and the fear of Baby C having to spend many birthdays hospitalized, she set out to make a positive change of how children's birthdays were celebrated if they were hospitalized.

In January 2014, The Confetti Foundation was an official 501c3 non-profit organization and started supplying themed birthday party kits to children who had to spend their birthday in the hospital. Through the party kits, children of all ages are celebrated and honored on their special day.

WHY YOU SHOULD *Participate*

- There is **NO COST** or obligation to your hospital/clinic for participating.
- We will provide you with birthdays in a box in quantities of 5
- Categories you can select from are 1st birthday, toddler, younger boy/girl, teen boy/girl, gender neutral or Spanish
- Request as often as needed
- A ready made birthday in a box, no searching for unmatched decorations for a birthday party

ITEMS IN THE *Box*

- 4 Plates
- 4 Cups
- 4 Napkins
- 4 Spoons
- 4 Forks
- 4 Paper Straws
- Themed Happy Birthday Banner
- Coloring Sheets & Crayons (school age boxes)
- Book
- Book Mark (teen boxes)
- Colored Grippy Socks
- Stickers
- Handmade Birthday Cards
- Birthday Door Hanger
- 1 Jar of Confetti
- 2 Crepe Paper Streamer Rolls
- Singing Plush Cupcake
- Scotch Tape

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

- Activity or Toy
- Itty Bitty Binkeez for Comfort Blanket (toddler boxes)
- Party Blower Horns



2 days (minimum) before a child's birthday, please ask the family which theme they would like for their child's celebration (out of the themes you have on hand) We want families to know this resource is available in advance so they DO NOT have to leave the hospital to get supplies. *We understand that some children are admitted on their birthday, please give them which ever theme you see fit.

PLEASE PRESENT BOX AS IS

This Birthday in a Box is meant to enhance the celebration, removing items could effect the full party experience. We understand that some children have dietary restrictions and can not use all items in the birthday box. We have found that families will use all supplies with siblings or to share a meal together. We ask that you let it be their choice how items are used.

Families, Nurses, Doctors, or Child Life can set up the party, make it as fun as possible!

After the party, supplies can be put back in box for family to take home or use at their discretion.

Long term patients: If there is a special request for a certain theme (1 week notice) we will accommodate as best as we can. Please refer to our current theme list for your options (we have over 100!)



LET'S GET THIS PARTY *Started*



THINGS TO KNOW

- You will order boxes directly from your Birthday Fairy (volunteer in your community)
- Your Birthday Fairy is there to help! They would love the honor of setting up a party, providing entertainment, providing a cake and gifts! Please reach out to them directly when you have a family that would like this help (this is for long term patients with minimum 1 weeks notice) They will then reach out to your community to make the party happen. They will need to know: date of party, how many people plan to attend, theme of party, age of child.
- A Standard order of boxes is 2 teen themed (boy & girl), 2 younger aged (boy & girl) and a gender neutral
- Our boxes ship in quantities of 5 only (unless for a special circumstance birthday)
- You can select specific categories you would prefer (1st birthday, toddler, school aged, teen, gender neutral, or Spanish)
- Request as often as needed
- Please only use boxes for birthday celebrations
- We understand HIPPA laws, and take them very seriously, we do ask when ever a family allows, to please pass along photos and stories that the birthday's have given. (or ask them to provide them to us directly)
- If you need to connect with us, please use the direct email birthday@confettifoundation.org or call 401-619-4333 M-F 9-3pm EST