

"I just wanted to write to let you know my baby girl was born on December 23rd with multiple complications. On Christmas morning a nurse brought in a beautiful baby blanket donated by your organization. It was the only possession my daughter had during her short time with us. She passed away later that day. I just wanted to thank you for the only gift my little angel received. Her name was Sara Michelle."



This Christmas many children in Michigan will be lying in hospital beds rather than waking up on Christmas morning awaiting the joyful arrival of Santa Claus. The enchanted feeling of Santa Claus

making a special trip to their home, stockings of bright red and green hung in a child's favorite place, sleepy eyes widening to the perfectly wrapped presents under the Christmas tree will not take place for these little ones.

Throughout Michigan Santa's Cupboard has many volunteer families and groups that will visit our hospitals on Christmas Eve, working with the hospital staff to bring presents of comfort to these sick children. In the spirit of giving, we relieve the family from worrying about shopping for Christmas presents so they may spend all of their time with their sick child. This is why Santa's Cupboard was started over ten years ago. We are a 501©3 non-profit organization who is dedicated to providing Christmas presents for hospitals, homeless shelters, women's centers and for families that have an ill child at home.

Be Their Miracle! Please help bring joy and comfort to a sick child at Christmas. It just may be the best Christmas present you ever give

...and receive.

Thank you,

Gina Vicconatto-Anderson

Gina Picconatto-Anderson Executive Director





PROUDLY PROVIDES PRESENTS TO AN EVER GROWING LIST OF LOCATIONS

Bay Area Women's Center - Bay City **Beaumont Hospital** - Royal Oak Boys & Girls Club of Bay County, Inc - Bay City **Covenant Hospital** - Saginaw Children's Hospital of Michigan - Detroit Helen DeVos Children's Hospital - Grand Rapids Henry Ford Hospital - Detroit Hospital Hospitality House - Saginaw Hurley Medical Center - Flint Wellspring Lutheran Services - Bay City McLaren Bay Region - Bay City MidMichigan Medical Center - Midland **Pinconning Food Pantry** - Pinconning **Renucci Center** - Grand Rapids Ronald McDonald House - Ann Arbor **Ronald McDonald House** - Detroit **Ronald McDonald House** - Lansing Ronald McDonald House - Grand Rapids Safe House Center - Ann Arbor Salvation Army - Bay City Shelter, Inc. - Oscoda **Sparrow Hospital** - Lansing U of M Mott Children's Hospital - Ann Arbor Whaley Children's Center - Flint

Dear Santa's Cupboard,

"I was delivering the Christmas presents last year to Hurley hospital and I had to park two blocks away. The closer I got the presents got heavier and heavier. By the time I reached the kids ward I was soaking wet and grumbling about why I volunteered for this. When I finally got to the children's floor I was greeted outside the nurses station by a little girl who had cancer with a bald head and an IV pole, she was carrying with her. As I took the presents out of the huge bags she looked at me and said "are these for us?". I'll never forget how this little girls eyes sparkled when I said "yes, these are for you". I'll help deliver presents every year for you as long as I am able to. Thank you for making my Christmas one I'll never forget because of that little girl."

Sincerely, Anonymous Santa's Helper

