



**University
Health System**

Foundation

Project Bear Hug Fund

The University Health System Foundation's Project Bear Hug Fund was founded to provide pediatric patients (ages 1-8) undergoing surgery a friendly hypoallergenic, stuffed teddy bear during their stay at University Hospital's Janey Briscoe Children's Center.

It is the goal of our healthcare staff to minimize the stress that hospitalization can bring to children and to create an atmosphere dedicated to the support of the child and his or her family.

These new hypoallergenic bears help our healthcare staff accomplish these goals:

- They are used to demonstrate the inhalational anesthetic experience to prepare them for surgery
- They help comfort children prior to surgery as well during their recovery
- They serve as a take-home gift that will help reinforce a positive memory

The Janey Briscoe Children's Center is a state-of-the-art facility designed to provide comprehensive pediatric services, with a specific focus on caring for children suffering from traumatic injuries, receiving kidney and liver transplants and those requiring neurosurgery to repair craniofacial defects.

All physicians are pediatric faculty in the division of critical care for The UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. These physicians work together with the center's highly-skilled pediatric nurses to deliver uncompromised medical care.

The Janey Briscoe Children's Center's mission is to provide unsurpassed continuity of care, individualized treatment and a family-centered recovery.

To learn more about the Project Bear Hug Fund, please call (210) 358-9860.

The University Health System Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 1984 to solicit, receive, and maintain funds exclusively for the benefit of University Health System and its charitable community mission.

All programs of the Foundation are funded solely through community philanthropy and fund raising activities.

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