



Delivering Cards to Give Kids the World



Hearts Surrounded with Love



Cards Bring Joy to Our Hearts

The Power of A Card

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Riding your bike, going to the movies or running around outside are dreams for some children with life-threatening illnesses. Being confined to a hospital can create long days and make children wonder if anyone in the world knows they're alive. One day in February, my telephone rang. It was a call from a child life manager at a local pediatric hospital asking if I could make a very special Love Letters delivery. I carefully chose the perfect card to give to my new Love Letters friend. She had just returned from surgery, and as I entered her room I was cautioned that she may not even wake up due to the sedative medicine. She was so small and so very quiet, obviously visiting a splendid dreamland. As I sat on the edge of her bed, I looked into her angelic face and soon her small eyes began to open. The room was instantly full of magic! Her smile was contagious and her eyes sparkled like the crystals on a crown. We talked and her glow seeped into my heart filling it with love and smiles. I helped her open a Love Letters card and soon after, she drifted off to sleep. As I left the room I could see her hugging the card as her small fingers caressed the soft furry duck on the front. I felt as if my Love Letters card was like the blanket that covered her with warmth and love. Her mother approached and said a simple but yet heartfelt "thanks." That breathtaking word assured me that one card can make a difference.

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I am the Founder and President of Love Letters: Random Cards of Kindness, Inc., (www.LoveLettersCares.com), a 501(c)(3) national organization whose mission to create positive and inspirational homemade cards for children with life-threatening illnesses. This story is one of many as my Love Letters cards have touched 40,000 children ages birth to 18 around the world. These unique homemade cards are created by hand using stamps, stickers, scrapbook paper and art supplies which are the "magical ticket" in spreading the power of love through a card. Inside each is an upbeat message such as "Sending You A Great Big Hug" or "You Shine Like A Star" to give children faith, courage and the will to survive. These simple genuine cards can give children their dreams through pictures and encouraging messages that inspire them to follow their endeavors.

My motto is: Sick children need more than medicine; they need love and support from their family, friends and Love Letters Pen Pals.