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CASE for SMILES

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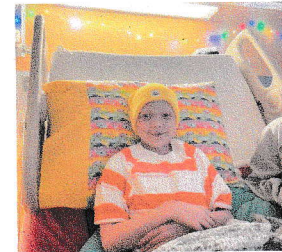
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To All of our Corvette Friends,

You continue to amaze and honor us with your generous support for our pillowcase program. Funds are tight, yet you find a way to help us keep creating the joyful pillowcases that bring so much comfort to the kids at the Oklahoma Children's Hospital at OU Health, as well as their grateful families. What a blessing you are to our Chapter. YOU are very much appreciated.

We are fortunate to have found a source for fabric that has periodic clearances, which goes a long way in stretching our money and keeping our costs lower than many chapters. And we delight in this since it allows us the freedom to do a few special things for some of our kids. Back in October Kelly Alexander, Volunteer Coordinator at Children's Hospital, asked if we might have a pillowcase made from "Care Bear" fabric for a cancer patient having a really rough time. She was depressed from the treatments, the hospital stay, the approaching holiday season, and especially missing her two siblings. Our goal is to bring SMILES to our kids to help chase away depression, stress, and fears which often lead to PTSD. By reducing anxiety in these kids, we help their bodies have an easier time getting through the tough times. We found only one Care Bear pillowcase, and it helped very much. But it wasn't enough for us. We got fabric for three pillowcases, had one of our clever sewers embroider "TEAM CARE BEAR" on the borders, and they await the little girl's next round of chemo, the last one, where she will ring the bell of final treatment. We know what her siblings mean to her, and these special pillowcases will turn a traumatic experience into positive memories for the entire family. And you all helped us make this possible with your support for our work.



Thank you for your ever-present encouragement and faith in the power of pillowcases.

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