



Newsletter July 2024

- ❖ *A few days before Father's Day, a young son lost his dad to suicide.*
- ❖ *Three young children went through the tragic loss of their mother because of the need to shut off her life support.*
- ❖ *Two young girls, ages 5 & 7, were found by the police living in a tent in the woods with their drug addicted, abusive parents.*

These are just several of the many recent occurrences where Banner Bears was able to provide comfort for children in traumatic conditions. Because of Messengers like you, we have been able to reach out to many of these children to provide a teddy bear bundle or a teen bundle to give them words of comfort and to give the children, and possibly their families, the message and hope of Jesus.

Last year we were busy with not only delivering bundles, but also adding our own coloring book for the children and we also added a teen bundle to minister to teenagers. However, this year we have not had many changes in our operations, so this has enabled us more time to focus entirely on striving to reach the multitudes of children who are hurting. The task seems daunting at times because the need is endless.

This past spring was the first our ministry has reached out to a children's hospital. We had the opportunity to deliver 100 teddy bear bundles to the Maynard Children's Hospital in Greenville NC. Also, to our list of deliveries, we have added more domestic abuse centers and rescue missions. Banner Bears delivered for the first time to the Raleigh area this year, so God has now opened doors for us north, south, east and west from our Rocky Mount/Red Oak location.

On Saturday, August 3, we will have our 2nd annual fundraising painting class with the local artist, Noel Butler. The Red Oak Rotary graciously sponsors this for us every year. Everyone had so much fun in this class last year, so please purchase your ticket for this fun event! This will be held at Red Oak Baptist Church, Family Life Center. You can purchase tickets through [Eventbrite.com/bannerbears](https://www.eventbrite.com/bannerbears). Or, feel free to contact Banner Bears at bannerbears@outlook.com to reserve your ticket.



As a reminder, if your church or civic group is interested in a fundraiser to help support Banner Bears, we do offer "Brim the Bear" which has been popular with individuals and groups. Contact Banner Bears for the honey bear bottles to fill with coins, cash or check.

Banner Bears is continuously grateful for your compassion and support which you are investing into the healing of children whom you will never meet. We humbly THANK YOU! for your part in enabling us to reach children in your own community and beyond. God's blessings on each of you and may you have a safe remainder of the summer!