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THE VOICE OF YOUNG HSS PATIENTS

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THIS EDITION REFLECTS ON THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHILD LIFE PROGRAM

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You are welcome to share your art, movie reviews, poetry, stories and more with us. Your submitted work can be featured at our special events, displayed at HSS, in the Special Kids newsletters and can even be featured on the cover of greetings cards distributed to patients during their stay in the hospital. You can hand deliver submissions to Saleana Negron, MS - Child Life Assistant or postal mail to:

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Having fun at Hospital for Special Surgery—that’s what the Child Life Program is all about!!! We love to celebrate, have parties and enjoy having a good time together. Our parties, for pediatric patients and their families, are always lively—whether it is for someone having their birthday while they are in the hospital or for a lot of us celebrating a holiday or special occasion.

All parties and special events are coordinated by Lorraine Montuori, LCSW and Saleana Negron, MS, Child Life Program, Case Management Department.
Fantastic Costumes and Yummy Treats are always the big attractions of the Annual Children’s Halloween Parties, sponsored by the Handal Pediatric Fund.

Party activities include decorating pumpkins, giveaways, arts and crafts, face painting and festive decorations. All guests have a spook-tacular time!

Everyone takes home LOTS of candy which make for a great celebration even after the party is over.
This annual event always has an outstanding turnout. Santa and his helpers make sure that each child gets a specially chosen gift. There are raffles, games, festive food and lots of stuff to take home when the party is over. It is the most exciting event of the year!!!
Christmas Celebrations
Every March, hospitals across the United States celebrate Child Life Month. Child Life Month highlights what it is like for kids to have medical conditions, surgeries, hospitalizations, and treatments while growing up.

At HSS, we draw attention to how special and talented our young patients are by having our Art and Talent Show during the month. We proudly display works of art created by so many of talented of our pediatric patient-artists for patients, families and staff to admire. It quickly lets people know this is going to be a memorable night.......

.....and then we start the Talent Show. The entertainment is fantastic! We have kids who sing, recite heart warming poetry, excite the audience with their dance abilities and provide side splitting laughter with their comedy routines! It's hard to know who has a better time—the performers or the audience, but everyone leaves very happy!!
For pediatric patients who need to have surgery or be admitted to HSS, 10 East is the nursing unit that specializes in taking care of children and teenagers. Saleana will see you during your admission to give you your Welcome Bag (filled with an HSS Teddy Bear and other fun stuff) and to see what types of activities you will want to do. Some of the activity choices are:

- Arts and crafts
- Watching movies
- Cast Decorating
- Playing Games
- Fun Centers

Fun Centers? What are Fun Centers? Imagine being able to swing a homerun or slam dunk a basketball or bowl a strike or design a princess costume........all while being in the hospital. All this is possible thanks to generous donations from the Starlight/Starbright Foundation. Each Fun Center is a compact, portable unit that is fully equipped with television and Nintendo Wii game system.

(We also have Nintendo Gamecube in the 5th floor waiting room, so that you can watch a movie or play a game while you wait to see your doctor.)

Also, thanks to the Starlight/Starbright Foundation, we get weekly visits from PG the Magician. Whether lying in a hospital bed or waiting to see the doctor, PG always amazes his audience.
I HAVE A GOOD IDEA!

Do you have a good idea? Write your ideas in the bubbles and share your ideas with a friend.
SAVE THE DATE

PAJAMA PARTY
JUNE 28, 2012

HALLOWEEN PARTY
OCTOBER 30, 2012

CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 6, 2012

*You can be added to our special events mailing list by calling the pediatric hotline 212 606-1959 or Email: ChildLife@hss.edu
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Thank You
FEEDBACK - letters to the editors

As we expected, lots of people read the latest edition of SPECIAL KIDS and were truly amazed by our contributors' talents and creativity. We are certain that people will be talking about this edition as well.

Volume 32 of SPECIAL KIDS will be published in Summer 2012. If you would like to make a contribution to this next edition, please send or email (montuuril@hss.edu) them in by March 6, 2012 to:

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