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Bear Givers Mission Statement and Background

Our Mission

Inspired by the adage that it's better to give than to receive, we at Bear Givers believe that the altruism of some can exponentially affect the lives of many. Our mission is to bring joy to children in need and enable them to feel the pride and satisfaction of giving to others. Bear Givers programs facilitate an environment where givers are empowered to bring happiness to others through acts of generosity and giving.

Our Story

Joseph Sprung launched Bear 4 Kids in 2003 as a way to brighten the lives of hospitalized children and their families with a personal visit and the gift of a soft and cuddly teddy bear. Soon, Joe expanded his program to schools serving children with special needs. Before long, Joe realized that these students would benefit from being given the opportunity to help others. Bear Givers Empowerment Program was born and EmpowerArt followed soon after. As the organization's mission evolved, a name change was in order. Bears 4 Kids became Bear Givers in 2009 to better capture and convey the spirit and mission of this unique non profit.