

PROGRAM DETAILS

Subject: Shells of Strength: Oliver's Hospital Outreach – Kindness Challenge for Young Patients

Program Overview

The **Shells of Strength: Oliver's Hospital Outreach** is a kindness-focused program designed to uplift young patients by encouraging small acts of kindness, resilience, and positive engagement during their hospital stay. Inspired by *Oliver and His Extraordinary Shell* by Lollie Brock, this initiative offers children an interactive way to celebrate their strength and kindness through earning badges and receiving special recognition.

How the Program Works

1. **Children Earn Kindness Badges:** Hospital staff, Child Life Specialists, or volunteers award **Kindness Badges** when a child demonstrates acts of bravery, respect or positivity.
 2. **Tracking Progress: The Shells of Strength Kindness Chart,** a visual board or personal badge tracker can help children see their progress.
 3. **Kindness Champion Certificate:** Once a child earns a set number of badges, they receive a **Shells of Strength Champion Certificate** as a keepsake and recognition of their strength.
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Badges & How to Earn Them

- **Good Helper Badge:** Earned by children who consistently assist hospital staff, parents, or other patients with small tasks such as tidying up, helping pass items or being a supportive presence for others.
 - **Courage Badge:** Staying positive during a difficult time.
 - **Bravery Badge:** Facing a procedure or treatment with courage.
 - **Hope Badge:** Stay positive and share a hopeful message with others.
 - **Bright Smile Badge:** Make someone smile or laugh today..
 - **Good Friend Badge:** Making a new friend or supporting another child.
 - **Love Badge:** Show care by writing a kind note or expressing appreciation.
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Implementation in the Hospital

- Hospital staff, Child Life Specialists or parents can use the **Shells of Strength Kindness Chart** throughout the child's stay to track the child's acts of kindness.
- Parents can be involved by encouraging and celebrating their child's achievements.
- The program can be integrated into existing therapeutic play and emotional support activities.
- Hospitals may choose to host a **Kindness Celebration** for children who complete the challenge.

For additional details or materials, please contact [Your Contact Information]. Thank you for bringing joy and encouragement to young patients through this program!

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