



## *Holiday Community Service Activity and Fundraiser*

**Monday, December 17, 2019 • 3-6 p.m.**



*Extra shopping to do after school and work? Let your child stay late on December 17.*

For \$20 per child, you will get an afternoon off, and your child will help a good cause. Proceeds will be donated to the Forrest Spence Fund, which provides non-medical assistance to families with critically and chronically ill children.

School staff and parent volunteers will supervise afternoon activities: snacks, holiday movies and crafts. Students will write a letter or draw a picture for children in the hospital.

Please turn in the form below with payment of \$20 per child by December 12.  
(checks to The Bright School)

This activity is separate from Bright Afternoons. Pick up will be in the Centennial Theater.



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☐ Yes! I would like my child(ren) to stay late and be involved in this activity for a good cause.

Name of child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade and teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount paid (\$20 per child) \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Bright School Families,

I have served as the Family Advisory Leader at the Children's Hospital at Erlanger for almost three years. In my time here, I have witnessed first-hand the needs among families in the hospital. Some families have a lot of outside support and have small needs while others are from different cities, states, and sometimes countries and need more resources than one can imagine. While Children's at Erlanger has the goal for patient- and family- centered care, it is critical to meet all the family's social and emotional needs while caring for the patient's clinical needs. The hospital recognized this and created my role, which allows me to work among a superb treatment team who work together to navigate the family's time and experience in the hospital.

The most difficult challenge I face at the hospital is availability of resources. Families are often hungry and without clothing or other basic necessities that would allow them to fully focus on the health and well-being of their child. When I was introduced to the Forrest Spence Fund, I learned that they could help meet family's needs. The Forrest Spence Fund's mission is to assist with the non-medical needs of critically or chronically ill children and their families throughout the Mid-South.

By partnering with the Forrest Spence Fund, the hospital is able to serve the families in both capacities: medically and non-medically. It is a wonderful thing when a family in great stress can have simple burdens relieved through the Forrest Spence Fund.

There are a multitude of resources that FSF has brought to our hospital. Celebrating an infant going home from the NICU, allowing access to food and gas cards, and assisting with the financial needs, Forrest Spence Fund has been an unprecedented resource.

I greatly appreciate the school's efforts to support the Forrest Spence Fund, and please know that by contributing to the FSF, we make a difference.

Thank you,

Ashley Allen  
Family Advisory Leader  
Erlanger Health System