

2009 BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS AWARD

Providence Hospice & Homecare of Snohomish County “Camp Erin - Children’s Grief Support Camp”

Camp Erin is a grief camp designed for children ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of a loved one. The camp is a 3-day camp experience free of charge to participants, facilitated by professional staff and trained volunteers of Providence Hospice of Snohomish County.

When a child arrives at Camp Erin, they are assigned a bed. On the bed is a beautiful lap quilt, donated by the talented quilters of Project Linus. Also on each bed is a teddy bear which has been donated by Warm 106.9 FM Teddy Bear Patrol. Making each teddy bear special is the work of staff and volunteers for Great Yarns of Everett. Knitters pick up the bears at Great Yarns, are helped with patterns and yarn and knit outfits for each bear. The quilts provide color and comfort to the campers. The bears become treasured friends for these children in the days and months to come.

The activities at Camp Erin teach children that they are not alone. They learn that their feelings are perfectly normal. The grieving children have an opportunity to address their feelings and memorialize their loved ones.

The generous donations of quilts, bears and special bear outfits provide comfort during the camp and serve as a tangible and loved memory of the camp experience.

The businesses cooperating in this project receive the praise and thanks of all involved. Warm 106.9 FM talks about the project on air and features the Camp Erin bears on their website. Great Yarns attracts dozens of knitters who are thrilled to be as creative as possible in dressing the bears for the enjoyment of the campers. Every summer, Great Yarns fills up with stunning bears displayed on every available surface throughout the shop. The quilters who donate quilts through Project Linus know that the quilts will provide a lasting benefit for each child who receives one.

Partners in This Collaboration

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Great Yarns
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