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4-H'ers Create Puppets To Make Sick Kids Smile

ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — Kids from Southeast Regional 4-H are making other kids smile. Lots of kids who don't have much to smile about.

The 4-H kids created 56 hand bear puppets for kids who are seriously ill with chronic or terminal

sicknesses.

The puppets were donated to Camelot for Children, Inc. Camelot is a house located in Allentown that provides a daytime gathering place where seriously ill children and their families may meet others who have similar

illnesses.

The home is filled with music, toys, books, games, and friends to help make the children laugh.

Often these children spend lots of time in hospitals. When they aren't in hospitals, they are often lonely. Their families often feel scared about the adjustments the illnesses cause. So Camelot is a place for the whole family. The children have lots of toys and friends with which to play. The parents can discuss their problems and concerns with other parents who have sick children.

Four-H'ers who attended the Southeast Regional 4-H Fashion Revue at the Moravian College on July 8 created the puppets. The kids were from Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties.

To begin, the participants were given a basic pattern and fuzzy fabric. After they cut out and sewed the puppets, the participants gave their puppet personality by dressing it. Some made bib overalls, skirts, or scarves for their puppets. The 4-H'ers hope the bear puppets will make the sick kids smile.

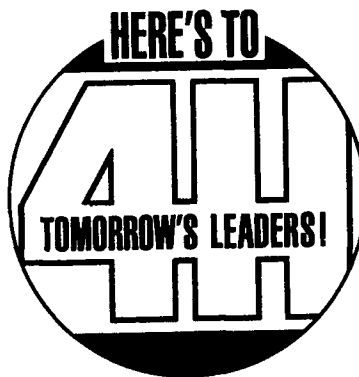
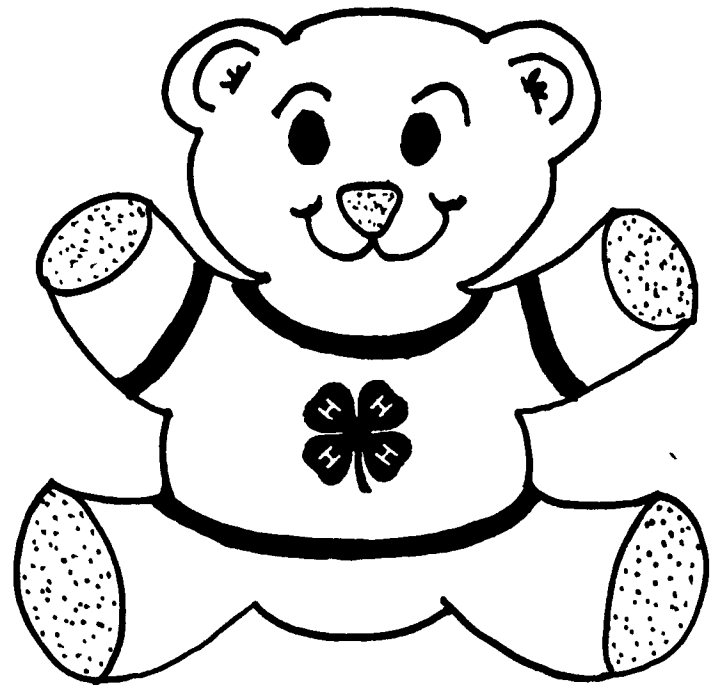
The 4-H'ers and other concerned people help make Camelot possible by donating toys, time, and money to operate the home. If you would like information or arrange a visit to Camelot, call (215) 791-5683



Valerie Hacker of Fleetwood thinks it's neat to make puppets. She and other 4-H'ers made the puppets during the Southeast Regional 4-H Fashion Revue.



Brenda MacPhall of Delaware County makes a scarf for a puppet.



Julie Lichtenwalner of Schnecksville makes a puppet from fuzzy material.



Rachel Hellman, Orefield; Jody Hewitt, Spring City; and other 4-H'ers make puppets for Camelot for Children, a place for seriously ill children.