



Newsletter January 2025

EXPANDING AGAIN! This new year will bring expansion once again to our ministry! Two years ago, we expanded to include teenagers, and beginning this month, we are excited to begin reaching senior citizens in their struggling times of helplessness and loneliness. Banner Bears has put together a bundle of items to be distributed to seniors in nursing homes, rehab centers, shut-ins, etc. Our mission is to bring comfort, peace and hope to this area of need in our society.



Our most joyful moment this past year was when this ministry got feedback of a young boy who accepted Jesus as his Savior after reading our coloring book! How amazing that God can use just a coloring book to draw hearts to Him. It makes our mission all worthwhile when we get feedback of how this ministry affects a child.

Hurricane Helene: Because of generous people like you, this past fall Banner Bears was honored to be able to reach out on several occasions to the children who were victims of hurricane Helene in western North Carolina. Because of your donation, you played an integral part in providing comfort to the young children and teens during this unexpected disaster.

Activity Sheet: As mentioned in previous newsletters, Banner Bears has a child's activity sheet which can be printed off of our website that anyone can use for any purpose. This past fall we handed out hundreds of the activity sheet, along with candy, to the children who came for Trunk n Treat to a local park sponsored by Red Oak Baptist Church.



Our coloring book has a new face this year! We are using the painting of a local artist and photographer, Noel Butler, who painted this specifically for a fundraiser painting class for Banner Bears. We are grateful to her for letting us display her work which will help grab the attention of the young children.

900 bundles in 2024! Every year we distribute more and more bundles to children and teens in various situations - the need seems endless. Banner Bears has very little overhead expenses, so we are able to distribute directly to the children as donations come in.

You can personally help us spread the love that these bundles bring! If you are aware of a child in a heartbreaking situation and would like a comforting gift to give them, Banner Bears ministry has teddy bear bundles and teen bundles available for you to pass on to these children to give them comfort and the hope of Jesus. Likewise, if you or a group are visiting a nursing home, rehab center, or a shut-in, please contact us if you would like to have these senior bundles to distribute and we will make arrangements to get them to you. There is also room in the bag if you want to include additional items. For any of these bundles, contact Banner Bears at 804/387-3247 or email us.

We can't say this enough! Banner Bears is so grateful for your compassion and support for the children - and now we can add the seniors – who are in struggling situations. We THANK YOU! for your part in enabling us to reach children and senior citizens in your own community and beyond. God's blessings on each of you for a wonderful and healthy 2025!