

Parent Information Sheet



What is 'A VISIT TO HOSPITAL-LAND'?

The program is a 1 ¾ hour class which serves to decrease anxiety and educate 1st grade children about hospitalizations. A pediatric instructor leads the children through a make-believe tonsillectomy. The instructor allows children to express their feelings about hospitalizations and explains roles of doctors, nurses, X-ray and lab technicians. Students are allowed to role-play patient, parent, doctor or nurse and to handle various equipment, experiencing the hospital bed, wheelchair and stretcher.

Where is the program held?

The program is in a model hospital room in the Marley Education Center, across the street from Crouse Hospital – not actually in the hospital itself.

How is the program funded?

'A Visit to Hospital-Land' is **free**. It is sponsored by Crouse Hospital and made possible by a grant from the Crouse Hospital Auxiliary.

How do the children get to the program?

Most schools obtain buses from the school districts or individual schools where PTO helps pay for school buses. Other schools ask for parent volunteers and use car pools, while others use Centro buses or private school vans.

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