



# *SPECIAL KIDS*

*the voice of young HSS patients*

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**Movie Review: “Ice Age – the Meltdown”**



The Susarchicks give this movie  
“two trunks up”!

“Hilarious!” (Maria)

“Much funnier than the first!” (Camille)

“I’m glad this ending didn’t make me cry” (Mom)

“Even Dad laughed a lot during the movie.” (Maria and Camille)

**The movie begins with the squirrel (Maria’s favorite character). This time the squirrel starts the melting process while trying to enjoy his evasive acorn.**

**We travel with our favorite herd of Manny, Sid, Diego, Elly and her two possum “brothers”, through their treacherous and hysterical journey to safety.**

**We don’t want to give away any surprises, but there is a spectacular musical number complete with catchy lyrics and show-stopping choreography.**

**The movie ends with another ‘squirrel and acorn bit’ – but as an added treat, during *Ice Age 2* we get to see more of squirrel’s antics throughout the entire movie.**

**The Susarchicks enjoyed every moment and recommend this movie to families and friends of all ages.**

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**It was thrilling attending this movie’s NYC Premiere at the Ziegfeld Theater on 54<sup>th</sup> Street. The entrance line was a block long, everyone on it an invited guest. We saw 4 layers of paparazzi around the red carpet – cameras flashing – what excitement!**

**The busiest place to star gaze was in the lobby. We saw Al Roker on the snack line with his children. We met an animator while waiting in the same line for popcorn. We saw Denis Leary’s entrance and photo session (still on the popcorn line) – Maria got his autograph! Camille saw Queen Latifah’s entrance.**

**Inside the theater seats we saw NBA players. They sponsor a children’s group “NBA cares”. Queen Latifah, invited children’s groups from Newark, and thanks to Lorraine Montouri, we were invited guests representing HSS.**

**The entire audience was so ‘psyched-up’ for this event that the laughter, cheering and applause made the experience even *more* special. Children were giggling with glee and Moms cackled at the jokes, and Dad’s laughed out loud. It was an experience we’ll never forget. Thank you Lorraine for sharing this opportunity with us – you’re *our* favorite celebrity – We give you “2 hugs up”!!**

# CHILD LIFE MONTH

*A Special Delivery from the Child Life Program*



Every year hospitals across the United States celebrate Child Life Month. Child Life Month takes place during the month of March to help people understand what it's like for a kid to have medical conditions, surgeries, times in the hospital and lots of appointments with doctors. This year, with a lot of help from a lot of you, we had 2 great displays at HSS. The 1st display on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor—where some of you see your doctors—had a lot of people smiling when they saw it. There were photos of some kids who had been at some of the fun HSS parties.



Also, there were drawings of different shoes with answers to the question "whose shoes do you want to wear". (See pages 4 and 5 for the answers). Lastly, the THANK YOU quilt was the center of attention. If you haven't seen it, make sure you look for it the next time you are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor waiting room.

Everyone liked the "Thank You" Quilt so much that we decided to keep it up permanently!!! The second display was in the Family Atrium on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. This is a large room where family and friends wait when someone they care about is having surgery at HSS.

In the Atrium, we also had the "shoes" on display as well as lots of photos of kids at HSS (some at HSS parties, some with favorite HSS staffers). Drawings and stories, by HSS kids, made the Atrium display just as special and memorable as the one on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

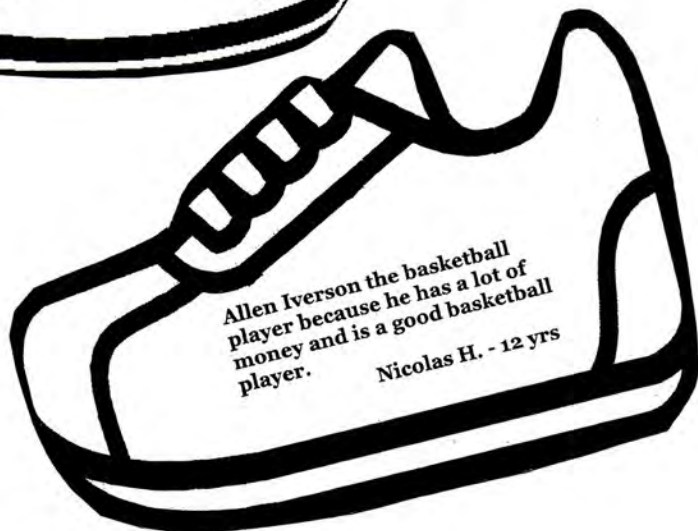
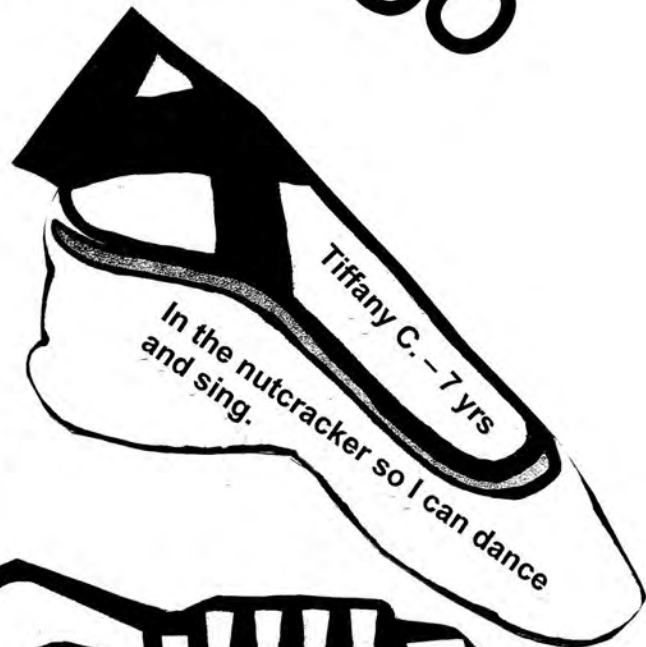
Everyone that Saleana could find during the month got a special Child Life Month gift. It was a very colorful beach ball with "I'm having a ball at Hospital for Special Surgery celebrating Child Life Month". Some kids found it a little hard to blow up the beach ball, but everyone agreed that it was a cool gift to receive.

Lorraine and Saleana are already working on ideas to make next year's Child Life Month a great celebration. If anybody has any ideas, let us know !!!! A BIG THANKS to all of you who helped us with this year's celebration.



Special Thanks to Peg Palmieri, RN, the Family Atrium staff and all who helped with the exhibit.

# WHOSE SHOES DO



# YOU WANT TO WEAR?

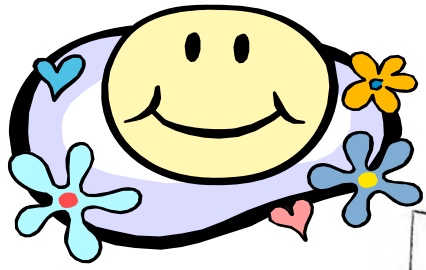




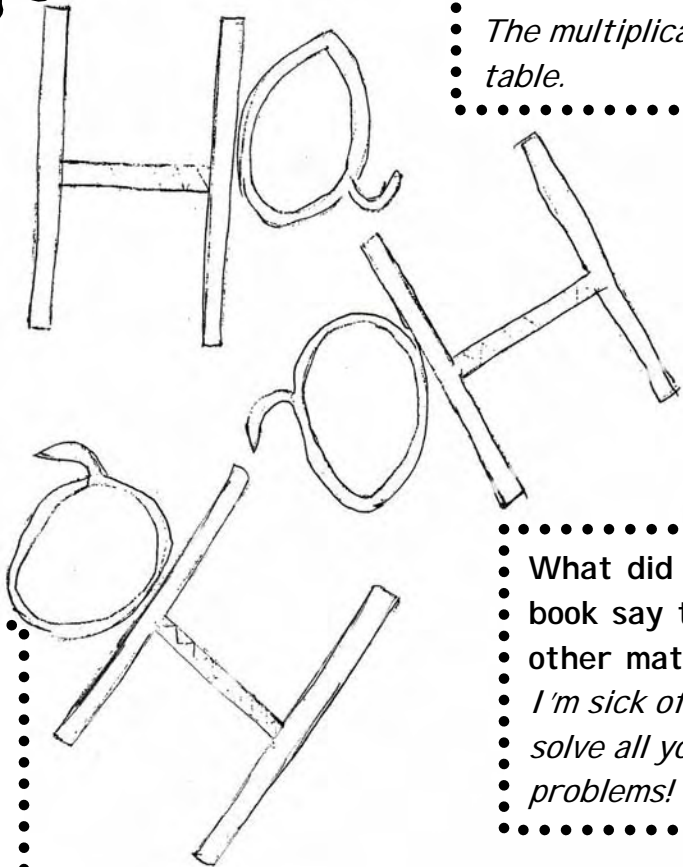
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Jokes



Knock! Knock!  
*Who's there?*  
 Waiter.  
*Waiter who?*  
 Waiter minute, I'm almost ready.



What is the longest table in the world?  
*The multiplication table.*

Knock! Knock!  
*Who's there?*  
 M. T.  
*M.T. who?*  
 M.T. your glass before you take more.

What did one math book say to the other math book?  
*I'm sick of trying to solve all your problems!*

By Hibba Abbas



# CONTEST WINNERS



TOP WINNERS OF THE "What makes me Happy" ART CONTEST

## WINNERS:



"Spring Time"  
← by Gabrielle A.

NINTENDO  
WORLD

Whenever I  
go to Nintendo  
world I am very  
happy.

By Jennifer

"Nintendo World"  
by Jennifer R. →

VS. center

I want  
to have  
a buttie!  
Jacqueline!





## ***FEEDBACK - letters to the editors***

As we expected, lots of people read the latest edition of *SPECIAL KIDS* and were truly amazed by our contributors' talents and creativity. We are certain that people will be talking about this edition as well.

Volume 20 of *SPECIAL KIDS* will be published in July 2006. If you would like to make a contribution to this next edition, please send or email ([montuoril@hss.edu](mailto:montuoril@hss.edu)) them in by June 23, 2006 to:

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