

Hilton Head Hero Fact Sheet 2010

Mission Statement

To bring children between the ages of 4 and 18 with life threatening illnesses and their families to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina for a resort vacation. Families are housed in the Hilton Head Hero House located in the Sea Pines Resort.

How does a child qualify?

- a. Diagnosed by a doctor with an illness creating the possibility that their life will be shortened and under the care of a doctor for said illness. All childhood cancers are considered eligible for HERO vacations. Genetic birth defects or chronic illnesses do not qualify for HERO vacations unless they are deemed life threatening. Cystic Fibrosis will be considered if the child is on the lung transplant list. Down's syndrome children will be considered if other health problems exist, such as heart disease. Sickle Cell anemia is considered a life threatening illness and qualifies for a HERO vacation with doctor documentation. Spina Bifida children will be considered if they have other medical conditions. Muscular Dystrophy will be considered if other medical conditions exist. Cerebral Palsy children will be considered if other medical conditions exist. Children with mental imparities or conditions not considered life threatening will not be considered.
- b. Determined by the Hilton Head Heroes board of directors that a family vacation to Hilton Head Island is beyond the financial capabilities of the family.
- c. Application is completed in full.
- d. Release of Liability form is completed, signed and witnessed by a notary.
- e. The acceptance agreement is signed and returned in a timely manner.

Who is included in a HERO vacation?

- a. The immediate family members or legal guardian(s) of the HERO child only. Special permission is sometimes given in single parent situations, all family members other than the immediate family must be pre approved.
- b. No pets of any kind are allowed in the HERO HOUSE.
- c. Day visitors are not allowed unless pre approved.

Hilton Head Heroes cannot be responsible for the following:

- a. Medical treatment or medical equipment needed on vacation, medical supplies including wheelchairs, medical personnel or any medicines required during travel and vacation. We do have a beach wheelchair available for your use during your HERO vacation. As well as a shower equipped with a shower chair and wheelchair access to the bathroom.
- b. Emergency transportation to a hospital should a child become ill during a HERO vacation. Please make arrangements with your child's medical staff that include an emergency plan should the need arise.
- c. Transportation to another city should a child become ill on a HERO vacation.
- d. Clothing or supplies for a vacation. Loss of property, or personal belongings, including theft or vandalism while on a HERO vacation. Criminal acts that cause harm to persons while on a HERO vacation.
- e. Replacement of vacation should weather conditions necessitate that a HERO vacation be cancelled.
- f. Any expense associated by "overspending" on gift certificates provided in the welcome booklet you will receive. (Amounts and rules are listed on each gift certificate). Money for transportation to the island, this includes rental cars, gas, or car repairs.

Hilton Head Heroes will provide the following to families that meet our criteria:

- a. Lodging for three, four or seven days in the Hilton Head Hero house located in the Sea Pines Resort, which will be supplied with items needed for a rental facility, including an outdoor gated swimming pool, an access pass for ONE car into the Sea Pines Resort for your HERO vacation.
- b. Gift certificates from some local restaurants that will include four dinners, five lunches, two breakfasts, and \$100.00 to a local grocery store.
- c. Gift certificates to some local amenities such as putt-putt golf, dolphin cruises, art ceramic café studio, island museum, child's play centers, etc. Please know that some places are seasonal and you should check before you make plans to use the certificates in your booklet.
- d. \$100.00 in cash to be used for tipping of wait staff in local restaurants.
- e. A disposable camera with film processing included compliments of our local Walgreens stores.
- f. A scrapbook of your vacation provided by the local Girl Scouts of the Low Country.
- g. A hospitality family that will be your contact during your island stay and will provide you with maps and information on Hilton Head Island.
- h. Bikes to use to explore our beautiful island.
- i. Crib, high chair, and other baby items supplied in the HERO House as needed
- j. Housekeeping services before you arrive and after your departure are donated by Cathy Fagen Cleaning (C&S). We ask that you please leave the Hero House as you found it in good clean condition.

