



For more than a decade, Alexandria resident and Realtor, Linda Trinkle Wolf has been collecting toys for children with cancer in the Washington DC- metropolitan area, to give them a reason to smile. After eleven years she has redirected her efforts to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), within of America's Adopt a Soldier® "Task Force Smile (TFS)". As Director of TFS, Linda's goals are simple, to provide more smiles for the critically ill children of Military Families. "Task Force Smile," will ultimately reach out to all Military Hospitals treating critically ill Military children.

The long-term goal of TFS is to raise 1,600,000 million dollars, to fund toys and books for patient rooms and clinics, the intensive care units and the oncology and hematology clinic's, throughout the year. Storage is needed for the toys and transportation to military hospitals nationwide. Mary Keeser, Founder of America's Adopt a Soldier®, said. "We realize this level of fundraising will take some time so we will be focusing our near-term efforts on our local Military Hospitals, with WRNMMC as our initial project."

Wolf said that providing as much joy as possible to critically ill children was always a priority for her, but is especially excited about the transition to help children of Military families. "We are committed to bring smiles to the faces of these children that are going through such difficult times," Wolf said. "As a country, we are safe because of the sacrifices made by our Military families. Their children need to be our priority. "Task Force Smile," gives us an opportunity to say thank you in a meaningful way. "

"Last year when we filled a large truck with of toys, I knew I had to connect with a well-run organization with goals similar to mine. That was the beginning of my partnership with America's Adopt a Soldier®," Wolf said. Six weeks ago, Wolf officially teamed with the already established non-profit organization, America's Adopt a Soldier® in order to integrate her program into a respected and established Military and Family support organization. Grouping with a 501(c)(3) organization will also make all donations to "Task Force Smile" tax-deductible.

"As America's Adopt A Soldier® Director of Task Force Smile, I will be joined by other volunteer members to work with the staff at WRNMMC to initiate the projects. We would love to make a real difference in 2014", Wolf said. "I can think of no better place to start our quest". She said that Task Force Smiles first project will begin as soon as funding is available. I hope by spring we will have collected enough money to start checking off our list."

"Keeser said. "We at America's Adopt A Soldier® were honored to embrace this most important project to ensure our critically ill Military Kids receive a toy or game while undergoing treatment. Our first step was to give the project a name: "Task Force Smile" and to appoint Linda as the Volunteer Director. Our initial plans, under Linda's leadership, are to develop distribution PODs for these toys within the clients, ensuring every critically ill Military Child receives a toy or game year round."

You can contribute to this wonderful cause, with confidence that 100% of your donation will go to the children by going to AAAS's website: <http://www.americasadoptsoldier.org/> and clicking on **Make A Donation**.

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