



Oct - Dec 2024

BIRTHDAY NEWS

Lots of Fun – Volunteers! Donations! Parties!

Total Birthday Memories Created in 2024: **420**
Total Birthday memories created since 2014: **2,698**



Partner Spotlight

We partied with **The Novel Neighbor Bookstore** for their 10th Birthday! Their amazing customers donated **62 birthday books**.



Birthday Party Fun

at **Catholic Urban Programs – Holy Angels, CDBG Family Living Center, Covenant House, Lydia's House, and The Women's Safe House!** Shoutout to: **The Edge** for sponsoring a fun celebration, **Dan at Abra-Kid-Abra** for donating magical entertainment, **Santa** for surprising everyone and playing the White Elephant Game, and our fabulous **Birthday Heroes** for organizing all the fun!



Generous Contributions

Girl Scout Troop 179 donated **gift bags** filled with toys and heartfelt cards for our kiddos. **Jack Perry** ran a **half marathon** and raised funds to purchase even more toys! Thank you for going the extra mile! Volunteers helped us **organize our office** to manage the wave of toys we received over the past three months—thank you for making our workspace shine! Our very own **Chief Birthday Officer, Rolanda**, was honored by **Community Women Against Hardship** for her outstanding leadership.



Donations Galore

Midwest Petroleum donated toiletries and \$17,500 for fun toys and treats to include in our Birthday-in-a-Box! **BOMA partnering companies** organized a toy drive, and we had a blast shopping for our kiddos! Now, we have **LOTS of toys** ready to go. A big **thank you to Arsenal Credit Union** for their generous \$1,000 check! We can't wait to go toy shopping with your team in January! **Thank You, Quik Trip:** Your \$1,000 grant will help us buy gift cards for our older kiddos and make birthdays extra special!



2025 Resolution Alert!

Do you have a goal to **volunteer more** in 2025? If so, join our team! We are seeking a **Board Vice President, Birthday Heroes, and Committee Leaders/Members**. Contact info@itsyourbirthday.org to learn more and make a difference!

Help us grow: Do you know of a shelter that could use our services? Please have them contact us.



Mark Your Calendars:

Exciting 2025 News: We're welcoming **new board members** next year! Thanks to **Focus St. Louis' BoardBridge Program**, our current board members, and good old-fashioned word-of-mouth for the great recommendations.

- ✓ **January 20, 2025:** Join us for **MLK Day of Service** to create **100 no-sew blankets!**
- ✓ **February:** We **gift cards!** Help us collect **100 \$15 gift cards** for Target, Walmart, and fast-food restaurants for our older kiddos.
- ✓ **March:** It's our **Half Birthday!** How should we celebrate? Share your ideas with us!



Mission:

To create a fun and memorable birthday experience for children in homeless and domestic violence shelters.

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