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Dear Illinois American Legion family members,

The 2.4 million member American Legion family has been a proud supporter of Children's Miracle Network since 1998. American Legion members know that serving America's children is the highest form of patriotism and that helping Children's Miracle Network hospitals is "the right thing to do".

100% of every dollar donated stays here at St. John's Children's Hospital, which serves your community, your family and all of our children. You can help make miracles happen for the children and families who rely on the finest health care available in central and southern Illinois.

Join us in 2012 by organizing a special event, making a personal donation or participating in the "April is Children & Youth Month" balloon campaign. Every American Legion Post can show support in their own unique way. This is not only the right thing to do but it also fosters goodwill towards the American Legion family.

Whether your contribution helps buy supplies so that a pediatric patient can celebrate his last chemo treatment or helps to provide funding for NICU ventilators so that a newborn can get the medical help he needs during his first days of life, the result is the same: Each contribution makes a difference.

For the kids,



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April is Children & Youth Month

One of the many ways the American Legion supports youth is through its “April is Children & Youth Month” program. And as April draws near, we encourage you to use and support the program’s theme, “Children ... Our Most Precious Natural Resource,” in the promotion of all your children and youth activities.

Legionnaires can support The American Legion’s “April Is Children & Youth Month” by sponsoring an event that raises funds to benefit your local Children’s Miracle Network hospital. All proceeds raised go directly to the children’s hospital to help fund medical care and research.

Children’s Miracle Network is a non-profit organization that raises funds for more than 170 Children’s Miracle Network hospitals nationwide and helps improve the lives of 17 million children each year. Through its continuous efforts to help kids, Children’s Miracle Network has raised more than \$3.4 billion through countless volunteers, organizations and media partners, who unite with their local children’s hospital to save the lives of sick and injured children.

Since 1987, St. John’s Children’s Hospital, in partnership with SIU School of Medicine, and been affiliated with Children’s Miracle Network. 100% of the money raised locally by Children’s Miracle Network stays here and goes directly to programs and services for our area’s children. By supporting St. John’s Children’s Hospital, children of all ages and backgrounds can receive treatment for numerous diseases and injuries, from asthma and broken bones to cancer and heart defects.

“April is Children & Youth Month” Balloon Campaign

The paper balloons sell for a suggested donation of \$1, and the goal is to sell 200 balloons to raise \$200 for your local Children’s Miracle Network hospital. Every Post who raises \$200 will receive a distinctive 2012 Children’s Miracle Network fundraising award suitable for display in their Post home. Paper balloons are provided to the Posts at no charge by the Children’s Miracle Network Hospital.

To order balloons for your Post, please call 217 544-KIDS (5437).