

4TH ANNUAL

# Teddy Bear Drive



## *In loving memory of Jill Carboni and Andy Marsh*

*There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains.*

*Leigh Standley*

The Teddy Bear Drive originated in 2006 to honor the first anniversary of my sister Jill's passing. After the Thanksgiving break in 2005, Jill was tragically killed in a car accident while returning to her senior year at Marist College in New York.

For the past two years I have also been collecting teddy bears in honor of my good friend, Andy Marsh. After courageously battling cancer for 2 years and 3 months, Andy was freed from his pain and suffering on August 4, 2009. Andy fought with

incredible strength, faith, optimism, and perseverance. You can learn more about Andy's inspiring journey at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/andrewmarsh>.

With huge hearts and contagious kindness, Jill and Andy dedicated their lives to helping others with love and compassion. At 21 and 27 years old, their time with us was cut far too short, but their memories and dreams live on through the endeavors of their families, friends, and those touched by their stories.

Throughout the past three years, we have donated over 1700 stuffed animals to children in need throughout Massachusetts! Teddy bears have been donated to THE CIRCLE within

the Good Grief Program, Boston Medical Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Children's Hospital Boston, Franciscan Hospital for Children, Transition House, Milford Regional Medical Center, Heading Home, and Toys for Tots.

This year I would like to reach out to even more children! Please contact me if you know of a child, group, organization, or event that would benefit from teddy bears.

It is my goal to carry on the legacies of both Jill and Andy and continue their fight to make the world a better place for everyone. Thank you for your support and generosity!

With love and gratitude, Melissa

New teddy bears may be picked up or delivered by Sunday, December 6th.

**We make a living by what we get;  
we make a life by what we give.**

Winston Churchill