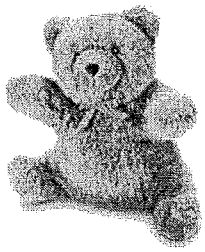
The American Legion Family is very active in Spinoza's "buddy bear project". The Legion resolved to adopt the project in May, 1997. Since then, the Legion Family has sponsored over 15,800 children!



Sponsor ID (if known)_____

Sponsor Information

Organization_____

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Spinoza Packages (prices include shipping/handling)

Each Bear sports a red vest with the WOTM logo embroidered on the breast

	Donation	Quantity	Total
☐ Spinoza Bear, 9 titles on CD	$159.00	_____	_____
☐ Spinoza Bear, 9 titles on CD, "Legend of Spinoza" story book	$175.50	_____	_____
For Children of Active Duty Service Members:			
☐ Miltary Package 1, Spinoza Bear, 9 titles on CD, workbook, ☐ "Daddy, You're My Hero" story book OR ☐ "Mommy, You're My Hero" story book	$178.00	_____	_____
☐ Military Package 2, Spinoza Bear, 9 titles on CD, workbook, "Daddy" & "Mommy" books, pin	$191.00	_____	_____
☐ Please accept our donation to the "Friends of Spinoza" fund, to sponsor Bears for children in need.			_____

☐ Check here if you would like Spinoza's titles on CD in Spanish

☐ Check here if you would like our staff to locate a child in your community, or call our toll free number. 1-800-282-2327

Total Amount _____

Shipments to Canada, please add $15.00 per Bear to cover additional shipping charges.

○ *Check/Money Order (payable to Spinoza's "buddy bear project")*

○ *VISA* ○ *American Express*

○ *Mastercard* ○ *Discover*

*Card#*_____

*Exp.Date*_____ *CVV#**_____

*Card Billing Address*_____

*City*_____ *State*_____ *Zip*_____

** 3 or 4 digits from back of card*

Mail the sponsor form and payment to:

Spinoza's "buddy bear project"
PO Box 97
Cornucopia, WI 54827

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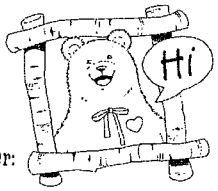

Credit card orders can be faxed to: (651) 604-6681

Or call our toll free number: *1-800-282-2327*

Canadian Orders must be paid with a credit card or a Money Order in US funds.

Spinoza's "buddy bear project" Helping Children in Crisis Since 1994

Who is Spinoza Bear? Since he was created in 1984, Spinoza...the Bear Who Speaks from the Heart™ has helped calm and comfort children in over 10,000 hospitals, hospices, schools, and programs throughout the country. During this time, Spinoza has touched thousands of lives. He has earned quite a reputation as a highly effective therapeutic tool for people in crisis. In fact, Spinoza is used at many of the most prestigious health care facilities in this country, including UCLA, Johns Hopkins, Stanford University and the Kennedy Institute. We value the excellent reputation we have earned. We are a small non-profit company dedicated to touching the hearts of all people with love, dignity and respect.

What is the "buddy bear project"? Spinoza's "buddy bear project", a project of The Spinoza Company, was created in 1994 exclusively for children with a chronic or life-threatening illness. It has often happened that a child would first be introduced to Spinoza at the hospital where he has been purchased and was "on staff," used by child life specialists to help children adjust to the strangeness of the hospital environment and to help them endure symptoms and procedures that were frightening and often painful. An affectionate bond would form and the child's hospital stay would be made more "bearable," thanks to Spinoza. But when it was time for the child to be transferred, either home or to another hospital or hospice, the bear had to stay behind. Most often, the families with a critically ill child are emotionally and financially devastated. The child would have to say good-bye to this new friend if the family did not have funds to purchase one. Spinoza's "buddy bear project" grew out of a desire to provide each of these special children with his or her own Spinoza Bear for life. The children receive a constant companion who provides unconditional love while helping them cope with the fear and pain they face daily. Hospitals, hospice programs and social services identify children and refer them to the "buddy bear project" with the names and locations of children in need of Spinoza Bear. The "buddy bear project" locates a sponsor for that child by contacting a community service organization from their area. We furnish the administration and coordination of the process and provide Spinoza and all nine topics to this project at a substantially lower price than is available to our customers.

Who is the "buddy bear project" for? Any child who is diagnosed with a chronic illness, life-threatening illness or major organ failure, profound developmental disabilities, profound mental retardation, severe emotional/ psychological traumas (victims of domestic abuse/violence) and children whose parents are suffering from a terminal illness or whose parents have recently passed away. Children of Active Duty Military Personnel are also eligible to receive a Military Spinoza.

How does Spinoza Bear provide therapy for children? When children receive Spinoza, their first impression is a soft, cuddly teddy bear with a warm, friendly voice. He has a CD player tucked in his tummy and a library of nine topics on 2 CD's created and designed for their special needs. This library of messages is used with parents, nurses, doctors, social workers and clergy to help the children express their emotions and communicate their feelings. Each message has been recorded with tonalities that promote relaxation. Two of the topics, "Breathing Healthy, Breathing Free" and "New Beginnings", were co-created with the Central Ohio Lung Association and teach fun and effective breathing techniques that help with pain management. For some children, the results are reduced medications as well as a means of coping with the pain they may suffer daily. One of the hardest things any parent can ever face is to have their child be diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. There are no words to describe the helplessness they feel when they know their child's life will most likely end before their very own. The topic "Hold On To Me" was developed with the help of hospice professionals to open communication with the children and their family members. The additional topics are "I'm Your Friend and My Name is Spinoza" (bonding/self esteem), "Dream On the Water" (a slumber tape), "Do You Wonder" (creativity/imagination), "Everybody Needs a Little Tenderness" (stress management), "Good Friends" (feelings/relationships), "You Are All You Need to Be" (encouragement/self esteem). The library of 9 is available in English (2 CD's) Spanish (3 CD's).

How do we become a buddy? Simply by choosing to make the difference in a child's life!

What is the cost? Through this program, the cost of sponsoring a child is just $159.00. (Our customers purchasing the same package for personal or professional use pay $178.00) The Spinoza Company contributes the difference as our way of helping these children and families. We have records of who sponsored every child in this program, and we make sure every sponsored child knows whom their sponsor is. The cost of sponsoring a military child is $178..00 and the child receives *Daddy, Your My Hero* or *Mommy, Your My Hero,* and Help for Kids – books to help children understand and talk about their feelings when a parent is in the military. The cost for both Hero Books is $191..00. These prices include shipping and handling.

Can we deliver Spinoza to our sponsored child? Due to the severe stress that these families and children are under, and HIPAA Data Privacy Rule, confidentiality is of the utmost importance and this is NOT always possible. Contact your" 'buddy bear project" coordinator, and provided the hospital, family and child are comfortable with your request, you may be able to personally deliver the Spinoza bear. In all cases, you will receive a thank you note. Sometimes, you may even receive one from either the child and/or parents or the local hospital's nursing staff. You may also order at the above prices for a child or facility of your choice. Please include a street address and daytime phone number for shipping UPS.

Contact Pam Golubowicz, your "buddy bear project" coordinator by phone 800-282-2327 fax 651-604-6674
email pam@spinozabear.com www.spinozabear.com, The Spinoza Company, PO Box 97 Cornucopia, WI 54827