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RADIO LOLLIPOP



Radio Lollipop's Birthday

Patients and their families joined volunteers and special guests on August 14 under a "big top" to celebrate Radio Lollipop's 16th birthday. Patients from Miami Children's Hospital became ringmasters for a night, watching a carnival unfold before their very eyes. The Radio Lollipop studio and playroom were transformed, delighting guests with caricature drawing, face-painting, and popcorn and cotton candy treat

stations. On the adjoining terrace, festivities included carnival games and prizes, craft stations and music by lively DJs from Event Factor. In true carnival spirit, crowds gathered to watch a hilarious performance by the Big Apple Circus Clown Care Unit and live performances by MMM, StayC and Elijah King.

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Who, What, When, Where is Radio Lollipop?

Radio Lollipop is an international non-profit organization dedicated to providing care, comfort, play and entertainment to children in hospitals. This volunteer driven organization uses music and up beat interactive play to gain the children's attention. This mission allows hospitalized children and their families temporary escape from the serious nature of their hospital stay. Simply put, Radio Lollipop provides the best medicine of all... fun and laughter. Founded in 1979 in the United Kingdom, Radio Lollipop currently operates studios in the United States, Australia, United Kingdom and New Zealand.





Radio Lollipop's Birthday Carnival proved to be a huge success thanks to our many donors.



Meanwhile, the playroom in the Hematology/Oncology Unit was under the magic of its own "big top," where patients took part in the carnival festivities, as well as crafts directed by a lively team from Gymboree.



The night's main act took place when radio personalities DJ Laz from 106.7 FM and Alberto Sardiñas from Amor 107.5 FM took to the air and treated the children and their families to their inspiring musical mix.



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7th Annual Radio Lollipop Comedy Show



The Radio Lollipop Comedy Show at the Miami Improv is proud to announce it raised \$50,000 for Radio Lollipop! This year's show, sponsored by Pollo Campero, and Rhoni and Ned Tannebaum featured performances from local favorites Mike Mercadal and Nathaniel Stroud. Headliner Dean Napolitano closed the show with his hilarious set before leaving the stage to a raucous applause.



Thank you to Juan Oves for chairing this event. "The fundraising team worked tirelessly to make this happen, and I couldn't be happier," said Oves. "From securing prizes to selling tickets and promoting the event, everyone came together to ensure that the kids continue to get the best service possible!" We appreciate the fundraising committee's dedication, the volunteer's commitment and so many others who supported these efforts. Together they accomplished an unforgettable and successful fundraiser.



Also, Radio Lollipop is blessed to count on the continuous and endless support of Miami Children's Hospital employees, who gave close to \$20,000 in purchased tickets! Thank you!



Big thanks to all our donors for their generous support in providing us with over 60 prizes.



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The Corporate Corner

Radio Lollipop truly appreciates the employees and mascots from Discovery Latin America, Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts, Mandarin Oriental, Mastercard Worldwide, Spanish Broadcasting Systems, and State Farm for taking the time to help spread smiles at Miami Children's Hospital this year!

A 'Priceless' Visit by MasterCard Worldwide

On January 26th, the Thrilling Thursday team welcomed the MasterCard Worldwide group. One by one, each member of the visiting group stepped into the shoes of Radio Lollipop volunteers and made the children's night "priceless" with unique activities, prizes and enthusiasm.



Doki Brings Smiles and Entertainment to Radio Lollipop Listeners

On February 2nd, the mascot and host of Discovery Kids en Español participated with Radio Lollipop volunteers in bringing lots of smiles to patients, families and staff! Heads turned and eyes twinkled as the lovable Doki made his way to the Radio Lollipop studio and down

the halls of Miami Children's Hospital. "I can't believe he is finally smiling again!" claimed Andres' nurse, who tirelessly tried to cheer up the little boy for days! Doki was accompanied by seven members of the dedicated Discovery Communications team, who brought coloring sheets, pens, backpacks and many other Doki-themed gifts for the kids.



Five-Star Treatment by Mandarin Oriental

Staff members from the Mandarin Oriental hotel joined Radio Lollipop in August and December to share their hospitality with patients and volunteers alike. Over the course of three nights, our guests were guided through the hospital by Radio Lollipop volunteers, they provided the children with fantastic craft activities, and donated toys essential to the program. The

Mandarin Oriental group gave patients a five-star treatment that they'll never forget!





State Farm

A lively group of State Farm employees visited Radio Lollipop in December and participated with volunteers in bringing joy to many patients at Miami Children's Hospital. In addition to monetary donations, the group came loaded with over 400 toys that they donated to be

utilized as prizes for the patients! To make the night complete, each child received State Farm goodie bags containing coloring books, water bottles and stuffed bears.



Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts

Staff members from Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts paired up with Radio Lollipop volunteers to bring smiles to our patients. Throughout the night, this friendly bunch accompanied Radio Lollipop volunteers in their patient visits and encouraged them to participate in the program. The Four Seasons team made a first class visit to patients and families at Miami Children's Hospital!



Spanish Broadcasting Systems (SBS) Visits Miami Children's Hospital

Laughter filled the Radio Lollipop studio on July 17th when volunteer Nora Barriere was joined by Spanish Broadcasting System's guest DJ, Alejandro, for a fun-filled night. Nine members of SBS's Miami team came together with Radio Lollipop volunteers to bring care,

comfort, play and entertainment to children at Miami Children's Hospital. SBS is one of the largest owners and operators of radio stations in the United States, and Radio Lollipop is honored to count this group among our friends!



Artrageous Gallery

Artageous Gallery at Village of Merrick Park hosted Gymboree's unique fundraising event for Radio Lollipop. Aptly named, the "Little Artists" exhibit showcased paintings by children between the ages of 3 and 5, and the audience was mostly comprised of the artists' parents. Proud moms and dads purchased their children's work, and in doing so, they helped raise money to benefit Radio Lollipop. Thanks to Gymboree in Coral Gables, Radio Lollipop volunteers will continue to provide patients at Miami Children's Hospital arts and crafts materials to create their own masterpieces.

Red Zone

Red Zone, a flag football tournament organization with over 90 participating teams, encouraged children and adult sports enthusiasts to participate in the 2012 tournament with a portion of its events proceeds benefiting Radio Lollipop. The tournament, which took place on December 22nd, 2012, hosted a group of Radio Lollipop volunteers where they shared the mission of the program with spectators and athletes. Thank you, Red Zone, for donating to our program and encouraging our community to stay active!

DJ Laz Rejoins Miami Airwaves

Radio Lollipop welcomed back one of its biggest supporters when DJ Laz rejoined the Miami airwaves, taking his morning show antics to DJ 106.7 FM.

Volunteers were in attendance at his press conference to welcome him home. "On behalf of the patients and the Radio

Lollipop volunteers, it is great to have you back. We are forever grateful for everything you do for our community, for the patients at Miami Children's Hospital and for the love and support you have given Radio Lollipop over the

years. Welcome home," said Nathalie Santa Maria, Marketing Co-Chair of Radio Lollipop. We wish DJ Laz many years of success with his new Spanish Broadcast Systems family!



To kick off his commitment to our cause, DJ Laz hosted the 4th Annual Motorcycle Charity Run, benefitting Radio Lollipop. On November 10th, bikers geared up and rode from Miami to the Florida Keys, where the party continued under the sunny South Florida skies.



Radio Lollipop thanks these businesses for their support at the Motorcycle Charity Run:

**Boost Mobile
Broward Motor Sports**

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**Road Rage DMD
Magazine**



Radio Lollipop Bake Sales – A Rolling Story of Sweet Success!

Radio Lollipop's fundraising team took advantage of the sweetest holidays in 2012 to host three delectable bake sales throughout the year. Chocoholics and sweet teeth alike flocked to savor the delicious goodies at the Valentine's Day, Halloween Spooktacular and Winter Holiday bake sales, helping Radio Lollipop to raise over \$2,000.



Rockin' Volunteers in Gear for Second Annual MCH 5K

Ready. Set. Run for a cause! Radio Lollipop volunteers joined the Rockin' Volunteers Team for the second annual Miami Children's Hospital 5K and helped raise \$2,000 for the team! Runners and walkers waited in anticipation as race day approached. "I am actually nervous this year. I just want to beat my time from last year," said Jader Gutierrez from Terrific Tuesday before taking off for his run. This year's Rockin'



Volunteers team also sported bibs decorated by patients, a dear reminder of why we volunteer every week. Patients always take first place in our hearts!



New Board of Directors Member Appointed

Radio Lollipop USA appointed Miami's own Alberto Sardiñas from Univision Radio in Miami to its Board of Directors in August 2012. Alberto is the host and general producer of Intimo, a broadcast by Amor 107.5 FM (WAMR-FM), Monday through Friday, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. During the show, Sardiñas listens to personal stories from the audience and offers a message of hope and self-improvement. These stories are combined with music, thoughts and reflections. In mid 2010, Intimo became a nationally syndicated radio show, airing in cities such as Houston, Texas; Los Angeles, California; Miami, Florida;

McAllen, Texas; Fresno, California; San Francisco, California; San Diego, California; Chicago, Illinois; and Phoenix, Arizona.



"Sardiñas will serve as a link to the Hispanic community throughout the country and help Radio Lollipop in its efforts to expand to other children's hospitals in the United States," said Donna Huck, Chairman of the Radio Lollipop USA Board.

His love for radio and professionalism in the industry is admirable. Radio Lollipop at Miami Children's Hospital welcomes him and his passion for radio and our patients!



Radio Lollipop 'Night at the Coffee House'

heers to that! The first-ever Radio Lollipop "Night at the Coffee House" was more than a mug-full of fun and entertainment, as local artists and poets performed to a packed house of supporters at the Starbucks in Pinecrest on November 30th to raise funds for Radio Lollipop.

The event was produced by local musician and music teacher, Nicole Moremen, and co-hosted by Terrific Tuesday team member, David Berry. Radio Lollipop volunteers and their friends came out in numbers to

support the event, which raised nearly \$1,000 for the children of Radio Lollipop!

Special thanks to the following organizations for their support and donations towards the event's sweepstakes:

Best Buy, Calamari Restaurant, Children's Bereavement Center, Develop Fitness, Gamestop, Massage Envy, Peter of London Hair Salon, Pole Dance Miami, Portfolio Hair Salon, The Biltmore Hotel Miami, The Cheese Course, and Mandarin Oriental Miami.

A Finn-Filled Week—Hedley Finn Visits Miami Children's Hospital

We had the pleasure of hosting Hedley Finn, Radio Lollipop Founder, and Bruce Ulhorn, Honorary Chairman of Radio Lollipop International in November 2012. Sixty volunteers greeted Hedley and Bruce with open hearts and open minds at Radio Lollipop's Semi-Annual Workshop. We were honored to have Hedley and Bruce as this year's special guest presenters.

After the night's scavenger hunt kicked off, Hedley and Bruce moved us through an interesting discussion on Radio Lollipop's history. Volunteers were engaged in fun activities that reinforced

the program's mission and brand. Hedley took attendees on a journey of the imagination as he illustrated the impact of radio on the mind of a child. He focused on the power of audio stimulation and the theater-of-the-mind concept.

Terrific Tuesday and Thrilling Thursday were honored with the presence of Finn and Bruce during the shows and live broadcast and all Radio Lollipop volunteers were treated to a didactic week filled with education and inspiration.



DD LUXZ Proves Music is Good for the Soul

The four young members of the up-and-coming group DD LUXZ delighted the Radio Lollipop audience with a live music performance of songs from their album. The soulful, funky and talented bunch performed in the studio throughout the night and rendered their own version of *If you're Happy and You Know It* in response



to a request from a bright-eyed 5-year-old girl. As she clapped and sang along, the power of music filled the room and the hearts of all involved.



Radio Lollipop Shows off at the First Annual PhilanthroFest



Radio Lollipopers spread the word about our mission at Miami's first annual PhilanthroFest. The festival showcases and celebrates South Florida philanthropic organizations, community resources and cultural arts.

Radio Lollipop provided face painting, stickers and other goodies to guests who were drawn to the tent by the enthusiasm of its volunteers!



Fritz's Skate Bike & Surf gets the fundraising wheels turning

Guests skated, biked and surfed into the holiday season and attended Fritz's Skate Bike & Surf Holiday Party in December 2012. Hosted by Mitch Wentworth, this event aimed to raise money and collect toys for Radio Lollipop and succeeded in raising over \$1,400 worth of donations. Attendees were treated



to live entertainment and got in the spirit of the season by dancing the night away!

Mitch was also instrumental in helping Radio Lollipop's 7th annual IMPROV event reach its \$50,000 goal by raising over \$4,000 in raffle ticket sales. We appreciate Mitch making Radio Lollipop his reason for the season!

Volunteer Spotlight



TERRIFIC TUESDAY

Kayla Rhodes

My Radio Lollipop Name is Countdown Kayla because I'm from the same county as the Kennedy Space Center, so my area code is 3...2...1...blastoff!

I have been with Radio Lollipop for... a little over a year, and it's been the best year of my life.

A Radio Lollipop moment I will never forget is... meeting a family who were incredibly welcoming and energetic as soon as I walked in to their room. I later found out that the family was homeless, and it was touching to experience how grateful they were for receiving a prize at the end of the night!

What I like best about Radio Lollipop is... the sheer love, passion, and dedication that radiates from every volunteer, every patient, every family member, and every friend within the walls of the hospital despite their situation.

Radio Lollipop is important in my life because... I see the difference we make with each child, and the difference they make on our lives is far beyond any measure. They bring perspective, beauty, and meaning to every second. They are truly tiny heroes, with a big impact!



WACKY WEDNESDAY

Maria Figuerola-Garcia

My Radio Lollipop Name is MERRY MARIA! I always want to have a smile on my face for the kids.

I have been with Radio Lollipop for... one amazing year.

A Radio Lollipop moment I will never forget is... visiting a 2-year-old little boy who was with his mom. As we were telling him about the activity of the night, which involved butterflies, he kept staring at us without uttering a word. Then I heard his mom whispering something to him in French (or Creole) and it dawned on me that he wasn't understanding what we were saying. I made the same explanation in French, mentioned the word "papillon" and his eyes immediately lit up and he gave us the biggest smile! Of course, he agreed to do the activity and was a prize winner that evening—an amazing and unforgettable moment!

Radio Lollipop is important in my life because... it gives me an opportunity to give back for all the blessings that I receive in my life, and it helps me stay grounded and focused on what matters most in life. I find what we do at Radio Lollipop immensely rewarding!



THRILLING THURSDAY

Patty Perez

Radio Lollipop Name is Patty Potter, hoping to make everyone's night a bit more magical with my Hogwarts cape, my round-frame spectacles and my wand secured in my back pocket!

I have been with Radio Lollipop for... almost two years! A Terrific Tuesday volunteer invited me to join them for a "Bring-a-Friend" night. I entered the hospital that evening feeling apprehensive, unsure of what to expect. I rehearsed things that might make patients laugh or conversation starters, but nothing prepared me for what I was about to encounter. As soon as the words "Radio Lollipop" were announced at the door, children dropped their crayons and parents' faces lit up. I watched in much awe as a patient did, as the Radio Lollipop volunteers danced around the room, blew bubbles and did everything possible to get a smile from the patient.

A Radio Lollipop moment I will never forget... involves a patient who would not stop crying. His mom had stepped out and, waking up alone, he was inconsolable. As Tina-belle (Christina Demetre) and I cheerfully announced that we were from Radio Lollipop, his face did not light up. Instead of the usual crayon dropping, we

got a toy flung in our direction as he screamed, "I want my mom!" He clearly meant business! Nothing we did could stop his crying until I pointed to the superhero on his PJs and mistakenly called it Superman. "Ironman! It's Ironman!" he said. I threw all the coloring pages in the air and announced, "Of course! How could I forget?" Tina-belle followed that cue as we made the biggest deal ever. His sobs soon became uncontrollable laughter and we walked out feeling victorious.

What I like best about Radio Lollipop is... the joy and the "disconnect" from pain and frustration that we are able to bring to the children and their parents by spending time with them and encouraging them to participate in our program! Additionally, I thoroughly enjoy working with my team! Their energy and enthusiasm is contagious and that also helps me disconnect from the hectic pace of the business life.

Radio Lollipop is important in my life because... whether I am singing a song to a patient who is down or reading a book during Patty Potter's story time, I am given the opportunity to give as much inspiration as I get. It took me the better part of a decade to find my way to Radio Lollipop, but the important thing is that it is now a huge part of my life—and *that* is magical!

Volunteers Go Above and Beyond a Shooting Star

Radio Lollipop is proud to count on many valued volunteers! This year, four outstanding volunteers received special recognition for their love and commitment to Radio Lollipop!



Kathy Napuri

A hundred years from now, it will not matter the house you lived in, what kind of car you drove or what was in your bank account. But the world might be a better place because you were important in the life of a child.

800 Volunteer
Hours to Date

Thank you, for your years of loyalty and dedication to **RADIO LOLLIPOP**.



Juan Oves, Jr.

Fundraising Chairperson, Management Team
Team Leader, Radio Lollipop

With deep appreciation for your leadership and dedication 2012.

700 Volunteer
Hours to Date



David Berry

850 Volunteer
Hours to Date

David Berry and Alex Sanchez

David Berry and Alex Sanchez were selected from over 800 active volunteers and received "Outstanding Volunteer" awards during Miami Children's Hospital's Annual Volunteer Recognition Reception! Congratulations for your accomplishments and thank you for your dedication to bringing care, comfort, play and entertainment to hospitalized children!



Alex Sanchez

1,100 Volunteer
Hours to Date

Congratulations on your Milestone Anniversary



1 YEAR

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