
Optimist Project Profiles

CITIZENSHIP



Project Name:

Bear With Me

Sponsoring Club Name:

Optimist Club of Corpus Christi-Downtown and Incarnate Word Academy JOOI Club

Location: Corpus Christi, Texas

Target: Children victimized by domestic disputes and violence

Purpose of Project: The city of Corpus Christi has the highest incidence of spousal and child abuse in the United States. The Optimist Club of Corpus Christi-Downtown wanted to develop a program to provide comfort to those children in distress.



Project: The Optimist Club partnered with their JOOI Clubs and executed a “Bear With Me” Walkathon.

Results: More than \$2,000 was raised from the Walkathon and 360 teddy

bears were purchased from Wal-Mart. The bears were presented to the police and sheriff’s department and were placed in law enforcement vehicles. Now the bears are immediately available to victimized children in need of sudden comfort.



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