

# Moving Waldo Around

One thing Jason Haney remembers about that time many years ago is how challenging it was to maintain a positive outlook.

His then 3-year-old daughter was receiving treatment at an Indiana children's hospital, and the prognosis wasn't good. Ultimately, she recovered and grew into a bright young woman who just started college last fall.

But it is the memory of that time – when things were bleak – that is the inspiration of this story.

Last winter, Haney, a construction foreman, was working on a site located across the street from that same children's hospital. He decided to place inflatable snowmen around the site to perk up the view for the young patients across the way.



When a co-worker suggested he build a *Where's Waldo* instead of tying down inflatables, Haney went home and did just that.

He built a life-sized Waldo out of plywood and began moving him around the construction site.

He even started a Facebook page for Waldo that offered clues as to where one might spot him and allow visitors to the page the opportunity to tag Waldo in the photos. According to hospital staff, this playful diversion provided a bright spot in the day for many patients and their families.



It was a simple gesture, a wealth of goodwill, a respite.

We may never know the impact of a small act of kindness or a simple gesture, but blessed are those who make the effort, for they truly understand what this life is all about.

Life Care and Century Park associates are among such people. They have dedicated their lives to the “big things” for others – meals to eat comfortable beds, clinical applications that promote wellness and well-being, rehab programs that enable patients to walk again.

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But they are also masters of demonstrations of kindness that are equally important and help build relationships, such as providing a cup of hot tea on a cool afternoon, the reading of some Scripture to a person with poor eyesight, a prayer for the son of a resident in a far-off country, a birthday card to a veteran with no family.

May God bless them, each and every one.

*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience (Colossians 3:12 ESV).*

– Beecher Hunter

