

Dear Parents,

Project Joy & Hope is thrilled to announce the creation of a Sibshop in your area. This is an exciting program just for brothers and sisters of kids with seriously ill children or those with special needs. During the Sibshop, brothers and sisters will:

- Meet other brothers and sisters of children with serious illnesses or those with special needs
- HAVE FUN!
- Talk with others who "get it" about the good (and sometimes not so good) parts of having a sib with a serious illness or special needs
- Learn more about the illness or special needs and have a better understanding about what their sib is going through
- HAVE SOME MORE FUN!

Who are Sibshops for? Sibshops are for 8-13 year old brothers and sisters of children with serious illnesses or special needs

Who sponsors Sibshops? Sibshops are a collaborative effort between Project Joy & Hope, The Children's Fund, Local Business Partners, and Local School Districts.

Who runs Sibshops? Our Sibshops are run by facilitators who have a professional and, in some cases, a personal understanding of the impact a child's illness or special needs can have on their brothers and sisters. Equally important, they all have amazing kid skills! There may also be junior facilitators who are sibs themselves in their late teens.

When are Sibshops held? Sibshops will be held once a month from 10am-2pm on the second Saturday of each month. The Sibshop program will be capped off by a special 3-day summer camp for those with good attendance.

What is the cost of a Sibshop? Each Sibshop will cost \$5 per session, which includes lunch. A limited number of scholarships will be made available.

How do I register for a Sibshop? For more information and to register, call Project Joy & Hope's offices at 713-944-6569 or visit www.JoyAndHope.org. Hurry! Space is limited.