



**NTHC Q1 2021
Grant
Recipient
\$1,500**

Kayla Cares for Kids

Mission: Kayla Cares 4 Kids' mission is to help sick kids feel better by providing entertainment and educational items to children's hospitals, Ronald McDonald Houses and related pediatric facilities.

Project: Kayla Cares 4 Kids will use the grant locally for its Virtual Fun program, an outreach program providing comfort, distraction and relaxation for kids in hospitals. Kayla started our newest program when the pandemic changed the way children's hospitals operated. Kayla knows first-hand how mentally challenging it is to be isolated in a hospital room for weeks at a time, with no visits from volunteers and no trips to the playroom or family center. Isolation can lead to boredom, anxiety, and heightened worry, exacerbating a child's fear, discomfort, and ultimately their mental and physical health.

Kayla Cares 4 Kids is also engaging other youth to help provide support by creating craft kits which are distributed locally to hospitals. With hospital visitations being limited, their mission helps provide hope to these young lives being affected by illness.

**# of
Children
Helped:** 20-40 children

