

Inmates Support Young Patients Through Pillowcase Program

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CUMBERLAND, MD - Inmates at a local prison are helping with the effort to "Conkerr" cancer one pillowcase at a time.

On Monday, inmates and staff at Western Correctional Institution in Cumberland presented almost 400 pillowcases to the founder of the "Conkerr Cancer" organization.

Conkerr Cancer delivers pillowcases to children with serious illnesses to brighten up their hospital stay.

Assistant Warden Harry Murphy has been battling cancer for three years. He was inspired to take on the project at the prison after seeing children in the hospital during his own chemotherapy treatments.

This is the first donation made to Conkerr Cancer from a prison.

"When you think about the situation as far as kids, it gets personal, it gets to your heart. You're realizing a kid is going to lay on this, a kid is going to wake up and see a cartoon character. It's going to make his day because it keeps his mind off of the illness," says Timothy Bolden, a WCI inmate.

So far Conkerr Cancer has donated 80,000 pillowcases to over 100 children's hospitals nationwide.