

Big Old Teddy Bear

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There is a lot of work for the Shrine Club of Se. Mass. in the collecting and delivering toys to the organizations. They are given to the police, fire departments and ambulance corps, all these organizations carry them in their vehicles to console traumatized children and elderly.

The extra work is more than made up for when you get a letter following the situation. One of our local EMTs went out to pick up an elderly lady to be taken to the hospital. The lady was ill and scared of what was ahead. The EMT, being a thoughtful person, sized up the situation and dug out the biggest teddy bear he had. The lady took the teddy bear in her arms and hugged it. The last he saw of her she was when she was going into the hospital consoled and hugging the teddy bear.

When alone we all need something to cling to. Later the lady wrote the EMT thanking him for his kindness and said that she loved her teddy bear. That letter makes it all worth the effort. We shriners will continue to collect and supply these organizations with stuffed toys.

If anybody has a surplus of these stuffed toys they wish to donate to a good cause please call a Shriner, 508-999-1938.