

Week of Nov. 25, 2019

Bumbles Dolls for All



Max Loeffler, founder and creator of Bumbles Dolls, recently donated 100 dolls to the children inpatients at Trinitas. The following week, his sister Natasha Loeffler, brought 100 more to the Cancer Center and the Connie Dwyer Breast Center for patients.

Loeffler, whose mother Vanessa Loeffler, the wife of **Dr. Abu Alam**, is the founder of Teddy Bear Foundation for Achondroplasia. Loeffler's daughter Theodora, was born with achondroplasia, a hereditary, congenital form of skeletal dysplasia commonly known as dwarfism.

As Max watched medical professionals take care of his sister and began volunteering at a local hospital, he was inspired to help make a difference in a bigger way.

"I realized after each volunteer shift that I felt positive and optimistic," he said. "I began carefully observing human behavior and interactions in this place and was intrigued by the gratitude I received and witnessed from patients. I researched the subject of gratitude and became fascinated by its significance. I learned first-hand that gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions. It also allows people to appreciate good experiences, boost their health, and cope with hardship."

And soon, Bumble Dolls were born and have made their way around the country. Now, we're lucky to have them here. Thank you, Max, Natasha, and Vanessa for your generosity!

