



Mobile Care Group and the “Tommy the Moose” Program

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Mobile Care Group’s Transportation Division is proud to team up with Sylvania Moose Family Center Lodge 1579 to bring additional compassion to children and older adults in crisis situations.

“Sylvania Moose Family Center Lodge 1579 Governor, Bob Armstrong, presented one of the 24 Tommy Moose plush animals to Mobile Care Group’s EMS Operations Manager, Matt Miller, who will distribute the stuffed animals to his crew of ambulance drivers. The animals are to be given to children and older adults when they or their families are involved in fires, accidents or other traumatic situations. Members of the Sylvania Moose Lodge raise money throughout the year for their charities, which include the Tommy Moose gifts and cash donations to Sylvania Area Family Services throughout the year, among others. The Tommy Moose program, sponsored by Moose International, provides the plush animals to police officers, firefighters and ambulance personnel all over North America. The National Institute of Health recognizes that helping children cope begins at the scene of the event. They need help to combat the fear, helplessness and aggression a child may feel during a stressful time. Research has also shown that role playing with cuddly plush animals enables children to express feelings they may otherwise not be able to talk about. When a child experiences a traumatic event such as domestic violence, natural disaster, accident or other event, emergency service workers across the country are turning to the Tommy Moose program, which is marking its sixth year of helping children in need.” (photo & story featured in the **First February 2017 Edition of the *Sylvania Advantage***)