

I&T Helps Pediatric Cancer Patients



In 20 years, the Baystate Health I&T team has helped hundreds of families during the holidays. The division's tradition of adopting a family and purchasing toys and clothes for them has become a cherished activity each holiday season. However, this year needed to be different due to COVID-19, so the team focused their attention on Griffin's Friends. **Judy Baird**, I&T project manager (right in photo), and **Ann Chenier**, I&T office manager and executive assistant (pictured left), received an email from Baystate Health Foundation's Mia Gorecki who was looking for divisions and departments interested in supporting Griffin's Friends this year. They immediately said, "this is it."

Founded in 1994, Griffin's Friends is a group of volunteers

dedicated to providing support to children with cancer. Named in memory of Griffin D. Kelleher, the group supports patients at Baystate Children's Hospital through donations to Baystate Health Foundation. This determined team ended up putting together 20 gift baskets with \$200 worth of gift cards to be donated to families who have children battling cancer. **A BIG thanks to the I&T department** for their generosity and support of kids for the holidays! You inspire all of us not to be deterred by a pandemic to make dreams come true for children.