

Team Teddy Bear

Primary Benefit:

- Team building for a great cause

Secondary Benefits:

- Communication
- Problem-solving
- Identify strengths
- Inspire your team
- Time management
- Resource management
- Big-picture thinking
- Seeing how individual efforts contribute to everyone's success

The Event: **Team Teddy Bear** is a unique way to bring your own team together while providing much-needed toys for the charity group of your choice. Teambonding also includes the element of surprise for even great impact. For everyone involved, the benefits are truly priceless.

Here's how it all works:

Participants divide into small work teams. Each group must complete a series of games/challenges which earn them team points. Important – at this stage of the game, none of your people should have any idea what the eventual outcome will be. And why would they? As a longtime industry leader, teambonding has perfected the art of fun,



involving teambuilding. This alone would make for a worthwhile event, and lots of clients return time after time for precisely this experience.

But we digress. For the last thirty minutes or so of your event, your teams will use their accumulated points to “purchase” all parts and accessories necessary to build a high-quality teddy bear. Teams are free to choose shoes, clothing and props to add life and personality to their furry new creations. Even the bear assembly itself is served up as friendly competition, with each group racing to complete yet another novel but highly engaging task. Each group also makes a cape, handbag, or some other piece of clothing, which will be personally signed by each team member.

Once the bears are completed, a teambonding facilitator will line them all up on a table for proud display. Now the real fun begins: after a quick debrief of the entire event, your facilitator explains that the bears are actually being donated to a local charity for children in need. This invariably leads to heartfelt applause. If you want to take things a step further, we'll be happy to arrange for children to actually enter the room at this point to receive their furry new friends.

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This first-hand account from one of our facilitators sums it up:

During this time the kids were being prepared to come into the room. The participants still had no idea what was about to transpire, and when the kids did enter during my ramp-up of their entrance, it was very well received. The fact that the charity which the client chose was "Down Syndrome" kids and young adults was extremely impactful. They held the bears as if they were holding children, and because of their limited motor function, it drove the entire room to tears! Extremely touching.

Individuals involved in this fun, challenging program increase critical thinking and problem solving skills while taking part in a wonderfully altruistic event. The "hug" of a stuffed teddy bear can bring a smile to a child who may be facing difficult circumstances. Seeing the gratitude in a child's eyes is something no one forgets.

As an alternative approach, our production staff can arrange for a representative of a local children's hospital or charity (your choice) to accept the bears and deliver them to appreciative children. Optional post-event delivery and video recording are available.

Minimum/Maximum Group Size: We can make this event a resounding success for a dozen employees or hundreds. Please give us a shout and let us know what you have in mind.

Program Length: As always, Teambonding is flexible. Think of a two-hour window as good starting point, and we'll go from there.

Space Requirements: Bear building isn't terribly space-intensive. Any space large enough to comfortably hold your group (and any children in attendance) will work. Tables for bear assembly are a nice touch, but by no means necessary.

