



“Shadow Buddies are not about finding a cure... they are about providing hope to sick children.”

*- Marty Postlethwait, Executive Director
of the Shadow Buddies Foundation*

Shadow Buddies Statements from Kids

“My Shadow buddies name is Laquisha. She had a burn. She got her burn just like I did. She looks like me. I like her. I bounce her up and down on the bed. I wash her when I get washed up. I will keep her forever. I love her very much.” - Shante, 10 years old

“I like the Shadow Buddy because I play talk to him and act like he’s real and we can go to sleep together and watch tv. His name is Jordan.” - Romell, 8 years old

“My Shadow Buddies name is Robert. Robert is nine years old. Robert is having problems breathing. I sing to Robert and it helps him feel better. He’s a little scared of being in the hospital. I tell him to use his inhaler and then he won’t be scared anymore. Robert is happy to go home, but he still likes it here at the hospital because he likes the nurses and the playroom.” - Jay, 9 years old

“My buddies name is Walter. He is 6 ½ years old. He broke his leg. He likes to lay around with me in my bed. He keeps me company.” - Chany, 6 years old

“My Shadow Buddies name is Jay. He is three. He is sweet. He is cute. He is sick. He has a cold. He just coughs a lot. He’s just been sneezing. The hospital makes him feel better.” - Alexander, 5 years old

“While in the hospital my last time I had to have an abscess removed. Once out of surgery the only person with me was my mom and I got lonely. So I had heard about Shadow Buddies and asked for one. Instead of just one I got two. An asthma and surgery buddy. From then on I was no longer lonely. I carried my Shadow Buddies with me everywhere on my IV pole. Since I got my Shadow Buddies in the hospital I didn’t feel lonely again.” - Mike, 14 years old

“Today we did surgery on Carlos, my Shadow Buddy. We put a gown on him and put a cast on him. We cut some paper to make a skin graft and we stapled it on his leg. I like him because he’s fake and I can wrestle him.” - Nelson, 6 years old