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## Hugs

Tina Gromley calls the Frostburg Lions Club's Hugs Program a bittersweet undertaking. Her description is certainly apt.

In the past year, the program has provided children who are in emergencies or other distressful situations with stuffed animals.

### ■ Lions help children who really need it

So far, more than 800 of the animals have been distributed to police departments and other programs where children are involved.

For the Frostburg Police Department, the Lions effort has helped police calm the fears of children who are in the middle of domestic violence incidents or other emergencies.

"We use the animals when we're called out for domestic problems. Also, when parents have to bring their children to the police station, we try to take the edge off" by giving children one of the animals, said Lt. Kevin Grove.

The Lions club has partnered with the Catholic Daughters of America and the seven Catholic parishes of Western Maryland in seeking animal donations.

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