

"one plus
one equals three"



TeamThread™ Overview

Would your team benefit from uniting around a common purpose that is larger than your everyday work world? In this remarkable workshop, your group produces puppets for children to use in constructive play and to express their feelings with trained professionals. You can help give children a voice, a way to talk about their fears and pain.



How TeamThread™ Works

Groups are divided into teams of 6 to 8 people who design, cut, sew and decorate 3 to 4 puppets. Each team is provided with felt, yarn, material, sequins, buttons, glue, needles and thread to create the puppets and their cover bags to keep them clean. Groups may choose to write a short story about each puppet's life to add to the children's enjoyment. Additional learning (cross-team collaboration, resource sharing) can be designed into the activity if appropriate for your group.

Making puppets is not gender specific; men created most of the puppets shown above. This workshop provides an opportunity to step out of your comfort zone and be amazed by unknown talent in your group. Team members support others who may be challenged with sewing. The amount of thought and energy that goes into this endeavor is incredible and moving; thinking about your customer's needs and how you can best serve them is both humbling and inspiring.

The Treehouse Foundation receives the finished puppets for use in their work with cancer centers, providing training and support for children whose parents or grandparents have been diagnosed with cancer.

Learning Outcomes

Coupled with skilled facilitation, the TeamThread program can help a team in the forming stage focus to:

- Improve customer focus
- Enhance teamwork
- Encourage creativity and innovation
- Reflect on the meaning of success and satisfaction, personally and as a team

Clients Say

"The forum gave us an opportunity to get to know folks better that we work with on a purely business level. Although at first there was some resistance from a few participants, their contributions to achieving our team goal was significant as we progressed. This dynamic mirrors what we experience in our day-to-day business environment! I appreciated the opportunity to participate in this relationship-building activity with a heart."

—Lindsey Martinez
Assoc. Meeting Planner
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About Treehouse Foundation

The Children's Treehouse Foundation is a non-profit organization for children whose parents or grandparents have been diagnosed with cancer. The Foundation provides professional training to cancer centers and hospitals to support these children via the CLIMB™ (Children's Lives Include Moments of Bravery) program. The Treehouse Foundation is affiliated with more than 30 cancer centers across the country.