

January, 2017

Pasadena ISD Police Department
Attn: Sergeant Trae Morris, Patrol Division
1515 Cherrybrook
Pasadena, Texas 77502



Dear Sergeant Morris,

I want to thank you and everyone at the Pasadena ISD Police Department for once again helping us to bring so much fun and joy to the children and families at Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital. We were so thrilled to see all the toys.

You and your team helped make possible a wonderful December that included a Gingerbread House themed out-patient holiday party that was attended by over 100 patients, accompanied by their parents and siblings. The patients were those who receive weekly or monthly treatments at Children's, those who have kidney diseases or have had a kidney transplant, as well as those in our palliative and hospice care program. There were games to play – with prizes to win, Christmas crafts, and a special visit with Santa. Each child left with a bag of toys specifically packed for them.

On our in-patients' special day, they first received a visit in their rooms from Santa. He delivered a special bag of toys for each child. He was accompanied by the 'Cool Guy Choir'. These are special volunteers who come to us from the Mennonite community. Their singing was a most welcome and beautiful addition to the holiday event. Later in the day, the patients and their families were treated to a "Charlie Brown Holiday Party" in our park. Games, crafts, and prizes were a big part of this party.

On Christmas Day, gifts from Santa were delivered by two of the Child Life staff, several volunteer 'elves', and a special guest, Houston Rockets' Sam Dekker. The gifts went to our patients and their siblings. Toys were also given out between the parties and Christmas day to children who came through our ED, Day Surgery and our out-patient imaging unit.

Once again, many people were impacted by your caring. The pictures are from our two parties. Though these are just a few of the faces of the children that were affected, everyone's December was made brighter and more joyful because of you and your colleagues. We also received a lovely card from a family that read "Thank you so much for all the generous gifts this holiday season. It sure helped our long holiday stay in the hospital"

Thank you again for helping to support this special time of year. On behalf of everyone in the Child Life and Expressive Therapies Department, we wish all of you, who work so hard to keep us safe, a safe, healthy, and joyous New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Weir".

Richard Weir
Director, Child Life & Expressive Therapies Department
Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital

