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## Northridge Hospital Medical Center hosted Santa on a firetruck

Toys and games for hundreds of children who might go without on Christmas or holidays



Santa and Mrs. Claus visited with the children during the program. Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital Medical Center (NHMC) hosted its 23rd annual Helping Hands Holiday Jam for over 300 elementary school-aged children from local Title I schools on December 8, 2023. (Courtesy Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital Medical Center)

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Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital Medical Center (NHMC) and the Northridge Hospital Foundation on Friday, Dec. 8, hosted the 23rd Annual “Helping Hands Holiday Jam” for more 325 underserved elementary-aged children who might not have had a holiday. The hospital’s donations and festivities have been going strong for more than 23 years, and Dignity Health officials estimate that more than “60,000 toys have been donated to the nearly 8,000 children who have attended this joyous celebration.”

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The hospital's parking lot was converted into Santa's workshop, and the children and their families enjoyed carnival games, arts and crafts and food — and they got a photo and visit with Santa Claus and bag of gifts to take home.



Kids wait in line to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus during the program. Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital Medical Center (NHMC) hosted its 23rd annual Helping Hands Holiday Jam for over 300 elementary school-aged children from local Title I schools on December 8, 2023. (Courtesy Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital Medical Center)



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2023. Santa and his helpers and volunteers pose for a photo. (Courtesy Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital Medical Center)



The California State University Northridge (CSUN) Matador baseball team volunteers at the Northridge Hospital Medical Center (NHMC) Helping Hands Holiday Jam celebration. (Courtesy Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital Medical Center)



The California State University Northridge (CSUN) Matador Softball team volunteers at the Northridge Hospital Medical Center (NHMC) Helping Hands Holiday Jam celebration. (Courtesy Dignity Health – Northridge Hospital Medical Center)

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One big thrill for the hundreds of San Fernando Valley children who came to the holiday wonderland was meeting members of the California State University of Northridge women's basketball and men's baseball teams "to help make the experience unforgettable for the kids," hospital officials said in a statement.