

GNHC HELD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AT NEW HOME ON DECEMBER 20th

A festive holiday spirit filled the early winter air as Good Neighbor Healthcare Center held its annual Christmas Party at our beautiful new home on Saturday, December 20th. Happily, a total of 891 of our pediatric patients and 271 families gathered at the clinic to enjoy this very special day on the GNHC calendar.

As the kids enthusiastically took part in all the games and other fun activities planned by the generous cadre of GNHC volunteers, Pepe the Fiesta Parrot brought more than a few smiles to their faces. Of course, the children looked especially forward to receiving one of the brightly-wrapped gifts, as well as a visit with Santa Claus himself.

“I so look forward to our Christmas Party each year,” remarked Janet S. Donath, Executive Director. “And what a special way to close our first year at the West End Clinic – surrounded by so many families enjoying the holidays together! Yes, times are very tough, and no one knows that more than our patients. But we can forget about all of that on this one day and just have a good time.”

As always, we feel very blessed that so many community groups and businesses pitched in to make this event even more special. Some stepped forward with financial contributions, while others donated toys or refreshments, or spent hours wrapping gifts. They were all so very generous. This year, we owe a special nod of thanks to Fiesta; Etheria Salon and Day Spa; Charles Comiskey Insurance; Episcopal High School; Chapelwood United Methodist Church and Day School; Nottingham Forest Mother’s Club; St. Philip’s Women’s Circle; St. Martin’s Church; St. John the Divine; and the National Optometric Student Association at the University of Houston.

“All of the volunteers were great,” Ms. Donath said. “It was especially heart-warming to chat for a few minutes with the daughter of Ruth Hobbs, who organized the very first of our Christmas Parties so many years ago. It goes to show what a grand tradition this party has become.”

In addition to the many volunteers from the community, almost the entire GNHC staff, with their families and friends, helped out in some way to make the day as wonderful as it was. Indeed, Heidi Gilroy, a registered nurse at the clinic, came dressed as a clown and graciously made hundreds of balloon animals – a special treat for the kids. Everyone worked very hard both before and during the party, taking care of all the little details that make this event such a success. To each and everyone – a hearty thanks!