

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Ray of Hope Foundation Brings Holiday Cheer to Patients, Staff, and Heart Institute at Jersey City Medical Center**

**Jersey City** -- The Ray of Hope Foundation, a charitable organization based in Jersey City, visited the Jersey City Medical Center on December 21, bringing with them a triple-batch of holiday cheer.

Ray of Hope Founder and President Ray Skop, along with Vice-Presidents Debbie Schennan and Diana Sallarelli, came bearing three donations. The first was a donation of toys for the patients at LibertyHealth's Center for Children with Special Needs, which serves children with developmental disabilities. The second gift was a monetary donation to the LibertyHeart Institute at Jersey City Medical Center, which provides comprehensive cardiac care with diagnostics and surgery, including intricate heart valve repair, to area cardiac patients. The final gift was a donation be used to purchase pizza and snacks for the many hospital employees who will have to work on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

"We are very grateful to the Ray of Hope Foundation for their generosity at this holiday time," said William Dauster, Senior Vice-President of Development and Public Affairs. "The fact that they were thoughtful enough to include donations for our young patients, our Heart Institute, and our employees, shows that the Ray of Hope Foundation is truly an organization with heart."

The Ray of Hope Foundation is a faith-based nonprofit organization established to help children in need. LibertyHealth is the region's largest health care provider and includes the new Jersey City Medical Center, Meadowlands Hospital in Secaucus, the Family Health Center

with locations in Jersey City and West New York, Liberty Home Care, and Liberty Rehabilitation Institute. Jersey City Medical Center serves as the region's disaster preparedness health leader, regional trauma center including ambulance and paramedic services, heart center including open-heart surgery, and regional perinatal center. The Medical Center is a teaching affiliate of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

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Norma Altreche, Director LibertyHealth's Center for Children with Special Needs, accepts a donation of toys from the Ray of Hope Foundation. Pictured (from left) are Ray of Hope V.P. Debbie Schennan, Ms. Altreche, Ray of Hope President Ray Skop, and Ray of Hope V.P. Diana Saltarelli.