

**Saint Anthony Hospital Receives Over 1,000 Toys for Pediatric Patients**  
*Spirit of Young Cancer Patient Lives on through Holiday Gift Giving*



*Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez hand out toys to a young pediatric patient at Saint Anthony to honor their late son Tommy.*

**CHICAGO**, December 21, 2017 – The children in the pediatric unit at Saint Anthony Hospital were all smiles as the Sanchez Family delivered toys to sick children. Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez, parents of the late Tommy Sanchez brought over 1,000 gifts for the hospital’s pediatric patients.

At age 17, Tommy Sanchez was diagnosed with Germ Cell Cancer, and when he recovered, he vowed to give back to pediatric patients and children who were less fortunate. Regrettably, he lost his battle with cancer in 2013 and was unable to see his wish come true. Tommy was only 23.

The Sanchez family started “Tommy’s Gifts” in his honor and partnered with Saint Anthony Hospital, again this year, to bring the gift of hope to children at the hospital this holiday season.

“We are grateful to the Sanchez Family and Tommy’s Gifts for their generosity this holiday season,” said Romeen Lavani, MD, chairman of pediatrics and medical education, and vice president of business development. “With flu season in full swing, we have some really sick children on our pediatric unit who could use some holiday cheer. Making the lives of patients brighter is what we are all about at Saint Anthony.”

Saint Anthony Hospital provides pediatric inpatient and specialty care, with children making up more than one-third of the hospital’s emergency visits. As the only community hospital to offer pediatric general and critical care in Chicago’s north and south Lawndale areas, the hospital and its providers are committed to families and providing the highest level of care to its neighborhood children.

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