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University Hospital baby to receive gifts galore in honor of Cuban leader, José Martí

---Local Cuban Cultural Center to shower neediest newborn with gifts---

(SAN ANTONIO, TX)---A newborn baby born on Jan. 28 will be celebrated with gifts at University Hospital. Each year, members of the Cuban Cultural Center of San Antonio honor a baby born on the birthday of Cuban leader José Martí. The event is part of a program called, "Hope for the World."

Before the communist takeover of Cuba, it was customary to recognize the birth of Martí, known as the father of Cuba's independence from Spain. He was born in 1853 and organizations throughout Cuba presented babies born Jan. 28 with layettes, a "Canastilla Martiana." The tradition lives on at University Hospital.

The child born on Martí's birthday that is determined to be most needy will receive the Canastilla Martiana. The gift basket includes a crib, play pen, car seat, toys and clothing. All other babies born at UH on the 28th will also receive small gifts in honor of Martí.

Each year, the Center provides gifts regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or gender. The group not only recognizes Martí, but gives thanks to the City of San Antonio for its warm welcome to Cuban residents.

What: Presentation of complete layette to baby born at University Hospital on José Martí's birthday.

When: **Sunday, January 28 at 1 p.m.**

Where: University Hospital, 4502 Medical Drive
(Please meet in Corporate Communications, first floor, across from the gift shop)

Who: -New parents with their baby, the chosen recipient of layette
-Members of the Cuban Cultural Center of San Antonio
-University Hospital medical staff