



**REQUEST FOR COVERAGE**  
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## **Santa to land sleigh at University Hospital**

*– Pediatric patients will receive a surprise visit from Old St. Nick and his elves –*

**(San Antonio, TX)** Santa and some of his workshop elves are expected to be in town to deliver toys galore to every hospitalized boy and girl spending Christmas at University Hospital. While most children in San Antonio are eagerly waiting for Santa to drop off gifts under their trees at home, several seriously ill and injured children will receive their gifts from Santa in person a few days early. University Hospital patient and trauma survivor Julie Mogenis will also help Santa distribute toys to “Pedi” patients. Judge Mogenis, who was involved in a serious hunting accident in 2004, is “sponsoring” Santa’s visit to University Hospital to provide comfort and hope to other patients.

The Child Life program at University Hospital organizes the event each year, in hopes of making some happy Christmas memories for our pediatric patients and their parents. All of the children who are able to get out of their beds will gather in the pediatric playroom to enjoy holiday music, treats and time with Santa. The more critically injured and sick children will get bedside visits. As the lead Level I trauma center for all of South/Central Texas, University Hospital treats thousands of seriously injured children every year.

**WHO:** Santa Claus, elves, trauma survivor Julie Mogenis and pediatric patients who have to spend Christmas in the hospital

**WHAT:** Santa and his team of elves will make a special stop at University Hospital

**WHEN:** Monday, December 22 at 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** University Hospital, 4502 Medical Drive  
*(Meet in Corporate Communications, first floor at main entrance of hospital)*