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# NSMC donated toys to 150 kids at annual breakfast with Santa

The hospital joined forces with other local companies to collectively brighten the holidays for over 350 Miami-Dade County children

North Shore Medical Center partnered with Breakfast with Santa of South Florida, Inc., donating toys to 150 local children. The hospital proudly supported this year's event, which aims to make a difference in the community and share the joy of Christmas with underprivileged children from little Haiti and the surrounding Miami areas. North Shore Medical Center is part of a bigger donation with two other companies. Together, the sponsoring companies contributed gifts to a total of about 350 children.

"The holidays are a time to



Manoucheka Thermitus, member and NSMC Director of Business Development and Carol Lawrence, NSMC Director of Rehabilitation Services.

give back, and participating in this year's Breakfast with Santa event is a true opportunity for North Shore Medical

Center to give the gift of happiness and smiles to the underprivileged children in our local community," said North

Shore Medical Center chief executive officer, Manny Linares.

Each year, the Breakfast with Santa organization randomly selects children between the ages of 5-12 years old from churches, schools and after care programs in little Haiti and the Miami surrounding areas. The selected children are invited to the Annual Breakfast with Santa event that is held at the JW Marriott located on 1109 Brickell Avenue in Miami. At this year's event, each child took home a present, a full belly after a delicious meal, a souvenir picture with Santa, and fond memories of a Christmas celebration in the spirit of giving back to the community.