

MEDIA ADVISORY
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Event brings holiday spirit to more than 600 area children
Kosair Charities annual holiday party to be held Sunday, December 6

Louisville, Ky. (November 24, 2009) – Kosair Charities will host an annual holiday party for more than 600 children from area at-risk schools or local service agencies. The event is coordinated by more than 75 Kosair Shriners and Kosair Charities volunteers, including lunchtime entertainment provided by the Kosair Shrine Funsters in clown costumes. Area businesses and organization contribute holiday gifts and toys for the children year-round.

“Bringing a smile to a child’s face is truly what the holiday season is about. While Kosair Charities helps children year round, seeing them dance and sing at the holiday party defines Kosair Charities’ success,” said Jo Barrett, Kosair Charities Vice President of Programs & Special Events.

Kosair Charities Holiday Party
Sunday, December 6

Crowne Plaza -- Louisville
830 Phillips Lane

Suggested parking on west side of building

11:30 a.m. – Doors open, pizza party and entertainment
1 p.m. – Best photo and video opportunity begins with dancing Gingerbread Boy, Frosty and Rudolph mascots and toy giveaway with Santa and Christmas Carol

Participating schools include Atkinson, Byck, Gutermuth, Maupin, Wellington, Wheatley elementary schools along with Kosair Charities-supported agencies Brooklawn Child and Family Services and Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs.

“Area businesses, organizations, church groups – even rock bands – collect toys on behalf of Kosair Charities for the holiday party throughout the year. It’s a rewarding way for these groups to support Kosair Kids and add some cheer to their holiday,” said Karen Ernspiker, Kosair Charities Associate Director of Development.

Some of the children in attendance are in wheelchairs or mobilized with the help of walkers and leg braces. Participation waivers are posted at the event entrance notifying guest they may be recorded for marketing purposes.

About Kosair Charities

Since 1923 Kosair Charities has had one primary mission – helping children in need. Over the years Kosair Charities has given more than \$295 million to serve thousands of children and provide them a second chance at life. Kosair Charities is also the largest benefactor to Kosair Children’s Hospital.

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