

St. Nicholas children meet St. Nick at annual holiday bash

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Resident Community News

For the third year in a row, local businesses brought holiday spirit to families living in the St. Nicholas neighborhood. On Dec. 14, excited children and their parents began lining up at St. Nicholas Train Station well before Santa's 5:30 p.m. arrival to enjoy Jolly Christmas at St. Nick's.

In addition to sharing their Christmas wishes, the children chose a toy. Everyone was invited to enjoy hotdogs, drinks, cotton candy and cookies, and the kids worked off their energy in the bounce house.

The fun neighborhood event was sponsored by Sylvia Pulido of Havana-Jax Café and the Cuba Libre Nightclub and her sons, Drs. Rene and Danny Pulido, eMed Multispecialty Group, who provided the bounce houses, food and hundreds of toys. Louis and Joe Joseph, owners of Mudville Grille, made Santa's visit possible.

Other sponsors were Dr. Susan Shelton and Eric Demps, Sr., development director, St. Francis Animal Hospital; Jill Mero, Jill Mero Realty; Susan Gilbert, manager, Kuhn Flowers; Tom Tomaski, owner, and Tim Wilson, manager, Tom's Printing; and Elizabeth Ondrizek, P.A., and the staff at Elizabeth Ondrizek Law Firm.

"Jill Mero is the real project manager of this event," Ondrizek said. Mero also served as Santa's helper and doorkeeper.

Some parents, as well as children, came dressed for the occasion as elves or reindeer. A photographer took free photos to create a Christmas memory for each child's family.

As one child started into the house to talk with Santa, a woman shouted to him to tell Santa that she wanted a big house on the river. Proof that you're never too old to believe in the magic of Christmas, thanks to neighborhood merchants and business-people who care about the families who live in St. Nicholas.



Santa listens to an enthusiastic little boy share his Christmas wish list at the the 3rd Annual Jolly Christmas at St. Nick's.



Jill Mero welcomes neighborhood children to the 3rd Annual Jolly Christmas at St. Nick's.



Jennifer L. Boston, Esq., Elizabeth R. Ondrizek, Esq., Jasmine Ley and Kendall Tobin, from the Elizabeth Ondrizek Law Firm.



Heather Moore, CAP board chair and host of the event, with Dr. Mark Gold and Susan LeMasters

New Curators Society holds inaugural reception

The Cathedral Arts Project's Curators Society, founded in recognition of CAP's 25th anniversary, held an inaugural reception Nov. 9, hosted by CAP Board Chair Heather Moore.

The gathering featured a special performance by CAP alumnus Armando Atanda, now a senior violinist at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, providing a firsthand account of the proven significance the program has on its students.

The Curators Society recognizes donors who show their dedication to ensuring every child has access to an arts-rich education through a three-year annual commitment



Armando Atanda, Jane Condon and Brian Griffin, Orchestra Department Chair at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

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