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Glendale Memorial Delivers Gifts for Families at Cerritos Elementary School

Glendale— The staff of Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center will be delivering holiday gifts for 18 needy families whose children attend the Cerritos Elementary School (120 E. Cerritos Way, Glendale) on **Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008 at 11 a.m.** A recipient family will be available for interviews.

“Cerritos Elementary School and the families who receive the gifts are extremely grateful to Glendale Memorial Hospital for the Adopt-a-Family program,” said Melinda Perez, Cerritos Elementary School community liaison. “This program has a huge impact on the families since these gifts may be the only holiday celebration they will be receiving, and they remember this.”

This is the fourteenth year that Glendale Memorial has sponsored their "Adopt a Family" program. Families are selected by the teachers and staff of Cerritos School, based on their knowledge of their students' situations and needs. Glendale Memorial Hospital clinical and administrative departments each purchase and wrap gifts for their adopted family. The average family has one parent and four children.

“Glendale Memorial strives to give back to the community in ways beyond providing high-quality healthcare,” said Bonnie Butler-Sibbald, manager of volunteer services and coordinator of the Adopt a Family program at Glendale Memorial. "During this time of economic hardship for everyone, the response of the Glendale Memorial staff to the Adopt-a-Family program is heartwarming. Smaller departments band together to purchase gifts for a family, while some of the larger departments sponsor multiple families. We look forward to this program to help make Christmas brighter for needy children and their families in our community."

The school and the hospital ensure the families' privacy by arranging appointments for the parents to pick up their gifts from the schools community liaison, after the school day has ended.

Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center is a 334-bed acute care community hospital serving the health care needs of our community since 1926. We are dedicated to healing people, and strengthening the communities we serve.

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