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Bringing Joy to Hospitalized Children Through Toys

Elizabeth, NJ: The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership and Toys for Hospitalized Children will make their fourth New Jersey hospital visit at Trinitas Hospital on Nov. 20 at 11 a.m.

“Our partnership with Toys for Hospitalized Children has brought joy to children who are in need of uplifting spirits and encouragement,” said Sarah Mack, Director of the Lesniak Institute for American Leadership, “Community engagement is an important aspect of advocacy, the mission of the Lesniak Institute, as it sets an example for emerging leaders.”

Since its inception, Toys for Hospitalized Children has brought smiles to 950,000 children in more than 150 hospitals in 10 states with gifts and toys. Each year, it distributes over 20,000 toys and gifts in over 100 children’s hospitals, institutions, and special needs facilities. Each gift is accompanied by a visit and a smile from its caring volunteers.

The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership was established to train the next generation of American Leaders. The best way the Institute trains emerging leaders is by example. That is why our founder, Senator Raymond J. Lesniak, reaches out to partner with grassroots organizations like Toys For Hospitalized Children.

Toys for Hospitalized Children was founded in 1953 for one reason, to bring smiles and healing to sick children. It is devoted to creating joy through a toy to children in hospitals, special-needs facilities, and institutions.

About The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership

The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership, based at Kean University, is a nonprofit think tank and training institute to develop the next generation of American leaders, and to partner with grassroots leaders from across the country, to advocate for social justice. The Institute is named for Senator Raymond J. Lesniak, who, over a 40-year career in the New Jersey Legislature, authored and sponsored hundreds of laws that have advanced civil rights and the quality of life for millions.

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