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Delivering Smiles and Toys to Hospitalized Children

Hackensack, NJ: The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership and Toys for Hospitalized Children will make their fifth New Jersey hospital visit at Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital on Feb. 7 at 2 p.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 grassroot 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 train the next generation of American leaders to turn their passion into action. The Institute is named for its founder, Senator Raymond J. Lesniak, who, over a 40-year career in the New Jersey Legislature, authored and sponsored hundreds of laws that improved the quality of life and advanced social justice for millions. In 2009, Senator Lesniak won the International Human Rights Competition at Le Mémorial de Caen in Normandy, France. Visit thelesniakinstitute.com/

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