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## **Bringing Joy to Hospitalized Children Through Toys**

**Morristown, NJ--** On Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at the **Goryeb Children's Hospital** at Morristown Medical Center (100 Madison Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960) from 11:00am, The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership will be hosting its third Toys for Hospitalized Children in hospitals event in New Jersey. 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.

Since its inception in 1953, Toys for Hospitalized Children has brought smiles to 950,000 children in 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, special needs facilities. Each gift is accompanied by a visit and a smile from one of the caring volunteers.

"The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership was established to train the next generation of leaders in America. What better way to train leaders than by example."

On May 1, 2018, at Children's Hospital of New Jersey, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and on May 8 at PSE&G Children's Specialized Hospital, New Brunswick, The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership launched Toys for Hospitalized Children in hospitals in New Jersey.

### **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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