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Lesniak Institute Continues its 18 Annual Operation Santa for underprivileged children

Union, NJ - The 18 Annual Operation Santa is here to bring the holiday spirit to local children at the Kean University STEM building on Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Operation Santa is an entire Christmas experience. The 150 children extravaganza will feature a lively DJ, kid-food favorites, gifts tailored for each child, as well as a very special visit from Santa. The event is sponsored by the Lesniak Institute through The Salena Lesniak Fund for Social Justice. The children, their families and gift sponsors are welcome to attend the event.

"There's no better feeling than giving a child a gift for Christmas," said Senator Raymond Lesniak, founder and president of The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership. "Our mission with Operation Santa is to bring together our sponsors and disadvantaged children in a night full of dancing, laughter and joy."

The Institute has created an easy-to-purchase registry on Amazon for donors to purchase hand-selected gifts for the children selected by a local social worker in the community. In addition to their gift, each child also receives a memorable note from Santa.

This year is even more notable than past Operation Santa events, with a record number of children and gifts given reaching over 150. Donations are still being accepted. To make a donation, visit lesniakinstitute.org/santa. Every contribution is appreciated.

About The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership

The Lesniak Institute is developing the next generation of American leaders by teaching the principles of effective advocacy, offering first-hand experience through its causes, and partnering with grassroots organizations. The Institute is named for Senator Raymond J. Lesniak who authored and sponsored hundreds of laws during his 40 years in the New Jersey Legislature to advance human rights and the quality of life for millions. • lesniakinstitute.org