

# Morris Heights Health Center to host toy giveaway

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It's the most wonderful time of the year." The holiday season is officially upon us, and Morris Heights Health Center (MHHC) is spreading holiday cheers.

MHHC is hosting their annual "Toy Giveaway" across several of their sites and two community-based locations. This initiative is an extension of the organization's "The Sharing Place" campaign which was developed out of a need to combat social and health inequalities that plague many Bronx communities.

Every year, MHHC partners with local organizations and community leaders to donate gifts during this time of the year to children in the community.

This special gift giving initiative will commence on December 9, 2021 and conclude January 6, 2022, just in time for the Three Kings Day celebration.

Thanks to this year's generous donors, MHHC is looking to create a memorable holiday season for nearly 1,500 families.

"The holiday season is a time of togetherness and gratitude," expressed President & CEO Mari G. Millet "Our annual holiday events are a way for us to show our appreciation to those who



MHHC staff member distributing bags of non-perishable food items to community members.

have entrusted MHHC with their care and give back to the communities in which we serve."

Keeping up with their annual traditions, the health center host-

ed its Thanksgiving giveaway last month where staff distributed turkey vouchers and bags of non-perishable food items to community members. The weeklong event served more than 1200 families.

In addition to their toy giveaway, other yearly initiatives from "The Sharing Place" campaign includes:

- a back-to-school supply giveaway
- a pajamas and books giveaway, and
- a Thanksgiving turkey voucher and pantry giveaway.

Through the charitable holiday events, MHHC aims to assist families that may not otherwise have the

means. However, the health centers' true mission is to provide families with a community of support that will outlast the holiday season.

To learn more about MHHC and their annual events, scan the QR code below: MHHC staff distributing toys to the community at their 2020 toy giveaway event.

MHHC staff member distributing bags of non-perishable food items to community members.

MHHC staff at the Thanksgiving Giveaway event held on Wednesday, November 24th at the 85 W. Burnside Avenue location.



MHHC's Chief Operating Officer Rawle Mitchell, distributing bags of non-perishable food items to community members.