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**Senior Official from Governor's Administration Visits South Jamaica Clinic, Distributes Toys**



**Child Center of NY CEO Traci Donnelly, Senior VP Deep Ghosh (aka Santa), NYS Deputy Secretary Mark Weprin, City Councilman Ruben Wills, and happy Child Center clients**

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**NEW YORK, NY** – The Child Center of NY is pleased to announce, in conjunction with the office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, a New York State Toy Distribution event that took place yesterday, December 22, at our South Jamaica Clinic, located at 115-15 Sutphin Boulevard in Jamaica, Queens. Upwards of 100 community children and adolescents received toys and coats during this event from Deputy Secretary for Legislative Affairs Mark Weprin. See photos attached.

Neisha and her daughter, nine-year-old Precious, were overjoyed with their gifts. "I just moved, so I can't afford toys right now. This means a lot to her," said Neisha.

"On behalf of Governor Andrew Cuomo, I am delighted to join The Child Center of NY in helping to make these local children's holiday a little brighter," said Weprin, who came to South Jamaica to represent the Administration.

Child Center CEO and Executive Director Traci Donnelly expressed heartfelt gratitude for the attention and generosity of Governor Cuomo and his senior staff. "The kids in South Jamaica are the embodiment of our work, and I know they need and will enjoy these gifts. I'm extremely grateful to the Governor and to our friend Mark Weprin for coming to be with the children and families today and for helping keep smiles on their faces beyond the holiday season. We wouldn't be able to achieve what we do without them."

**About The Child Center of NY:** The Child Center of NY's mission is to strengthen children and families with skills, opportunities and emotional support to build healthy, successful lives. Founded in 1953, it is a multiservice organization that annually reaches more than 26,000 children from birth through young adulthood at more than 60 school and community locations. The Child Center works in five main program areas: early childhood education; behavioral health; health homes and integrated care, prevention and family support; and youth development. The Child Center is based primarily in Queens but also serves children and families in Brooklyn, the Bronx, and Manhattan. To learn more, please visit [www.childcenterny.org](http://www.childcenterny.org).



Deputy Secretary Mark Weprin and Councilman Ruben Wills at The Child Center of NY's South Jamaica Clinic

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