

Santa brings gifts, coats – and joy – to pediatrics center

More than 600 attended annual holiday celebration



Santa and Mrs. Claus look over a wish list at the VHC Health Pediatrics Center's annual holiday party on Dec. 21, 2023. Photos by Chia-Chi Charlie Chang/Image Caffeine Photography

More than 600 people were on hand Dec. 21 as the VHC Health (Virginia Hospital Center) Pediatrics Center held its annual Coat & Toy Drive Holiday Party.

Children attending the event received a collective 400 toys and 450 coats to make for a joyous and warm holiday season.

On hand as part of the celebration were VHC Health's associate chief nursing officer, Taryn Overman, and Tony Burchard, president of the VHC Health Foundation.

Located along Columbia Pike, VHC Health Pediatrics Center offers comprehensive, affordable, quality health care in a culturally sensitive environment to children, birth through age 18, living in Arlington with family incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

Patients are seen by appointment six days per week, and physicians are available on-call 24/7.