



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **CALTRANS DELIVERS HOLIDAY CHEER**

***Toy Drive Collects Educational Toys, Trains, Trucks, and Toy Cars for UCSF Children's Hospital and Oakland Children's Hospital Patients***

**Oakland, CA** – This week Caltrans District 4 employees will make two stops at Bay Area children's hospitals on their "Toy Drive to Deliver Gifts" donated by the district's engineers, maintenance workers, transportation planners and administrators, who hope to bring *Holiday Wishes for Wellness* to families with a sick child. Caltrans District 4 includes the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties, from Sonoma County on the north to Santa Clara County on the south.

The next stop, at Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland will be on Thursday, December 20 (today) at 9:30 a.m. Media covering this event should go to the main entrance lobby of the hospital at 747 52nd Street, Oakland, Ca.

UCSF Children's Hospital in San Francisco received donations on Wednesday, December 19 (yesterday) at the Pediatric Treatment Center in the Acute Care Building at 400 Parnassus Ave., in San Francisco.

This year's toy drive resulted in the generous donation of hundreds of books, dolls and educational games, as well as culturally diverse games, culturally sensitive dolls and age- or developmentally appropriate books. "This holiday effort demonstrates the incredible generosity of Oakland's District 4 staff," said District 4 Director, Bijan Sartipi. "Our employees are very community-oriented and give back in incredible ways. The toy drive for these two children's hospitals is just one example of their great work in the Bay Area."

Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland, the oldest pediatric medical center between Los Angeles and Seattle, has provided exceptional medical care for children in the region for 95 years. Oakland Children's is Northern California's only freestanding and independent children's hospital. They are the leader in many pediatric specialties including neonatology, cardiology, neurosurgery and intensive care.

"Caltrans' generous donation will bring a lot of joy to our patients," said Venita Robinson, director of media and community relations. "Their donation will definitely keep our patients entertained for Christmas and many more months to come."

This year Caltrans District 4 also made a charitable contribution of approximately \$125,000 to the California State Employees Charitable Contribution Campaign of The United Way, on behalf of its employees. Employees also raised an \$18,000 donation for Heart Walk this year.

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