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Louisiana Hospitality Foundation Plays Santa for Handicapped Children and Adults

Dec 10, 2010 – Twenty members and volunteers from the Louisiana Hospitality Foundation donated a variety of gifts for the holiday season to the Catholic Charities Padua Pediatrics and Padua Community Homes.

Dressed in Santa costumes, members of the organization arrived in the Drago's fire truck to distribute gifts to the handicapped and medically fragile children and adult clients of the Catholic Charities Padua program.

"For many years, our clients were overlooked when it came to Christmas giving," said Pashena Casimere, Catholic Charities Division Director of Padua. "Last year, the LHF stepped up and fulfilled the Christmas wishes of each of our children and adults. The group was so moved, they wanted to do this again."

In addition to the array of gifts for the Padua residents, the Louisiana Hospitality Foundation donated truck loads of dirt and also provided a contractor, C.J. Minor, co-owner of C & G Construction, to oversee the work and replace an uneven sidewalk with a handicapped accessible walkway. In addition, Minor also donated $6,000 to assist with landscaping for Padua.

The Louisiana Hospitality Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to offer greater access to culinary education and arts, while providing support for the health and social welfare of children across the state. The LHF executes this through community outreach, children's education, hospitality industry financial assistance and benevolence. For more information, visit www.louisianahospitalityfoundation.org.

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