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**THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF SAN ANTONIO DONATES TREES TO
CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

- WHO:** Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio
The Children's Hospital of San Antonio, a CHRISTUS Health Hospital
- WHAT:** Associates at The Children's Hospital decorate and donate Christmas trees to families in need
- WHEN:** Monday, December 17, 2018 10:30am
- WHERE:** The Children's Hospital of San Antonio
Media may use valet parking in the 300 block San Saba – on the right side of street.

For the third year, The Children's Hospital of San Antonio will donate 30 decorated and themed Christmas trees to family clients at Catholic Charities. The Children's Hospital hosts an internal Christmas tree decorating contest among its various departments. The trees are judged on their child-friendly theme and creative use of materials. This year's top three winners are A Toyful Tree, Star Wars, and Lollipops and Gumdrops Galore with many other themed trees including Harry Potter, Whoville, Paw Patrol, and more.

The 30 decorated trees are currently displayed in The Children's Hospital of San Antonio lobby and will be donated to Catholic Charities clients. A family from Catholic Charities' Guadalupe Community Center will be given the opportunity to personally select a decorated Christmas tree for their home. CHRISTUS Health and Catholic Charities collaborate all year long to provide services that strengthen the vulnerable in San

Antonio. Through the CHRISTUS Accountable Health Community Grant, community health workers screen clients in the Emergency Department and health clinics and refer at-risk patients to Guadalupe Community Center for food, clothing, utility assistance, and other services. The family expected to select their tree on Monday is a client referred to Guadalupe Community Center by The Children's Hospital.

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About Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc.

Since 1941, Catholic Charities is the largest Catholic social service agency in San Antonio. Our mission is to provide for the needs of our community through selfless service under the sign of love. In 2017, Catholic Charities served over 260,000 people through a network of 45 programs that include basic needs, family and children services, legal services, refugee resettlement, and prenatal and parenting education and counseling with the goals of preserving family values and promoting self-sufficiency.

About The Children's Hospital of San Antonio

The Children's Hospital of San Antonio is the first freestanding hospital in San Antonio solely dedicated to the care of children. Located in the heart of downtown San Antonio, The Children's Hospital of San Antonio is owned by CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System. Baylor College of Medicine, one of the top medical schools in the nation, is the academic partner of The Children's Hospital with 170 pediatric subspecialists affiliated with Baylor. In addition, community physicians in private practice remain a valuable partner in the care of children in our community. We are a health care ministry that works to continually meet the needs of the community to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, following the values and mission of our sponsoring congregations; Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word of Houston and San Antonio and the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. For additional information on The Children's Hospital of San Antonio, visit www.chofsa.org Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChildrensHospSA and follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ChildrensHospSA.