



## The Children's Inn at NIH

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Montgomery County Police Department, in association with other law enforcement offices within the county have become partners in the annual "Santa's Escort Ride" to benefit The Children's Inn at NIH. The procession of over 40 uniformed policemen led by Santa on a Harley has become a highlight of the holiday season for the last several years. The charity ride has even captured the attention of many media outlets.

The Children's Inn is a private, nonprofit, family-centered residence for pediatric outpatients at the National Institutes of Health. Its purpose is to keep children together with their families during serious illness, reduce their stress and facilitate the healing process through mutual support. In fiscal year 2014, more than 1,500 families came from 50 states and 84 countries to stay at The Inn. Families do not pay to stay at the Inn; we rely solely on private contributions to sustain our operations.

We are seeking financial donations from local organizations and businesses. All donations raised from this event will help support operational expenses as well as programs for the entire family. These services include recreational, therapeutic, wellness, educational, and spiritual programming. Each one designed to build community and wellbeing among residents and to provide children and families a natural opportunity to meet and make friends with others going through similar experiences.

We are hoping you will be able to donate to this charity event. Your charitable, tax-deductible donation will help The Children's Inn continue to provide much needed services to seriously ill children and their families. To provide a financial donation online, please visit our website at [www.childrensinn.org](http://www.childrensinn.org), click on "Ways To Give" then "Donate Now", enter your information and indicate that you are giving in response to the "Santa Police Ride". You may also print and mail or fax the donation form in to the address listed below.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at [lking@mail.nih.gov](mailto:lking@mail.nih.gov) or by phone at 301-451-9454. Thank you in advance for considering our request.

With gratitude,

Laura King

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