



Above: Santa brings joy to children of all ages. Right: Santa donates his time and services to many Kiwanis events including Scouting for the Handicapped's Christmas in July.

William (Francois) Patenaude, aka "The Real Santa" has been playing the jolly elf for the past fifteen years. He does charitable appearances for a wide range of organizations throughout the Metro-New York area each and every year and sees thousands of children. These Kiwanis Clubs include

Send Get Well Wishes to Santa Clause



Gravesend, Kings Plaza Canarsie and 86th Street Bath-Beach. Other charitable organizations are Boys Scouts of America, Handicapped Boy Scouts, Brooklyn School for Special Children and St. Lukes-Roosevelt

Hospital. He also has done many corporate appearances and TV and radio. He has been on Rosie O'Donnell, Montel Williams, and David Letterman. He has appeared at the Big Apple Circus, Museum of Natural History, the Russian Tearoom and Tavern on the Green.

Francois is so real looking as his natural self, that when he walks down the street in July children stop and stare at him!

Santa has led a fascinating life, and is an intriguing and beguiling speaker and raconteur. Francois lives at 409 West 54th Street, 4F, New York, NY 10019, with his companion, *White Cloud*, a Cockatoo. He is not in good health. This winter has been a particularly hard on him, and he has been suffering from pneumonia.

His home is almost a Christmas museum with Santa costumes from various countries and pictures of Santa and many of the children he loves and holds dear adorning every inch of wall space.

Francois is particularly proud of the Proclamation that the New York City Council gave him at a Kiwanis event in Bay Ridge two years ago.

Francois lives for Christmas. He hardly gets any calls, and letters only once a year (you guessed it, at Christmas!). He has a web site: www.yourRealSanta.com, and he would love to hear from you.

This time, Santa needs some get well cards and notes. So, get your children, Key Clubbers, K-kids or Circle Kers to help make some "letters to Santa" with wishes for a speedy recovery.



Children's Miracle Network

Arnie Bitterman

Fast Facts

- Children's Miracle Network was founded in 1983.
- The hallmark of the Children's Miracle Network is that 100 percent of every dollar raised in a community stays there to help children served by participating hospitals in the local area.
- Children's Miracle Network hospitals treat all children regardless of affliction or the family's ability to pay.
- Each year Children's Miracle Network hospitals provide more than \$2.5 million in charitable care; these non-profit children's hospitals depend on community support.
- Since 1983 Children's Miracle Network has raised nearly \$1.8 billion for children's hospitals, most of which is donated a dollar at a time by individuals throughout the United States and Canada.

Background

Children's Miracle Network is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness for 170 children's hospitals throughout North America. Each year these non-profit hospitals treat more than 14 million children afflicted with diseases, injuries and birth defects of every kind.

Children's Miracle Network's founding pledge to put children first in all it does and keep 100 percent of the donations in the community where they were raised remains at the core of its philosophy. Yet Children's Miracle Network has grown dramatically since its founding in 1983, when its first televised fund raiser aired from a small private studio and raised \$4.7 million for hospitals.

In just 18 years Children's Miracle Network has evolved into the dominant organization actively providing better health care for millions of children through its 170 hospitals. In addition to producing the largest television fund raiser in the world, Children's Miracle Network organizes and executes thousands of special events and promotions each year through its dedicated corporate sponsors and media partners.

This tremendous year-round effort is helping to save and improve the lives of children with cancer, heart defects, diabetes, AIDS, muscular dystrophy and accident trauma, to name a few. To date Children's Miracle Network has raised nearly \$1.8 billion for children's hospitals; \$208 million in 2000 alone. But the need is still great; in just one year Children's Miracle Network hospitals provide charity care worth billions.

The Children's Miracle Network Team

170 Children's Hospitals: The 170 non-profit children's hospitals affiliated with Children's Miracle Network are the premier facilities in their respective communities and some of the finest hospitals in the world. Each year these hospitals treat more than 14 million children suffering from all types of afflictions.

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Massapequa Supports Disabled Kids



Massapequa Kiwanians gave a check to the Nassau BOCES Carman Road School which serves severely disabled children from 3-21 years of age from school districts all over Nassau County. The equipment purchased (pictured above) is called a Gait Walker.

Above: Committee members John Rywelski and Diane Johnson, Physical

Therapist Mary Victor, Student Jake Kaiser, Project Committee Chairman Bill Moseley, Carman Road School Principal Amy Rumelt and Massapequa Kiwanis President Sue Martin. The project has become very important to the Massapequa Kiwanians and will be continued in the future.

Mid-Year Kaisers



C. Janet Banks, Cambria Heights



Kevin Schaefer, Mt. Vernon

As a very special honor the above Kiwanians were presented their Kaiser Awards by Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo and Board Chair Steve Saletto at our Mid-Winter Conference at the Nevele Grande.

Make Miracles Happen!

Through the

Children's Miracle Network

Help your area's CMN hospitals help kids!

K-Family members all across North America have raised funds for CMN since its beginning in 1983. Kiwanis service to children through CMN is becoming renowned. 100% of donations to CMN go to a CMN children's hospital or medical research facility serving kids from your local area. These CMN facilities are committed to helping kids regardless of their families' financial condition.

Ontario Division CMN Breakfast

September 12, 2004

Celebration/Empire Room at the NYS Fair

To learn more about CMN and how easy it is for your Club to help

"Make Miracles Happen,"

Contact your District Office at 315 - 735 - 3463
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