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Another Year Bringing Joy to the Children of Carrie Tingley Children’s Hospital

Santa Fe, NM (December 21, 2016) – New Mexico State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn and the employees of the Land Office just completed their annual toy and stuffed animal drive held for the children of Carrie Tingley Children’s Hospital, one of the 22 beneficiaries of the State Land Trust.

This hospital has served New Mexico children for more than 70 years. As part of the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Carrie Tingley Children’s Hospital is the only hospital in the state specifically devoted to comprehensive care for children and adolescents with complex musculoskeletal and orthopedic conditions, rehabilitation needs, developmental problems, and chronic physical disabilities.

“It is a joy to see the Land Office team come together to give to others, especially when it is for the children of New Mexico who the Land Office work to support year-round,” said Commissioner Dunn. “Carrie Tingley Children’s Hospital happens to hold significantly less land dedicated to their benefit, so the opportunity to give a little more to the children under their care is very special to all of us.”

The Executive Director of Carrie Tingley Children’s Hospital, Doris Tinagero, thanked the Land Office, “I am overwhelmingly appreciative of the New Mexico State Land Office’s donation of toys to the UNM Carrie Tingley Children’s Hospital. These precious gifts will help bring smiles to the faces of hospitalized children this holiday season and we are tremendously touched by their generosity to the children of New Mexico.”

Commissioner Dunn and the State Land Office are responsible for administering 9 million acres of surface and 13 million acres of subsurface estate for the beneficiaries of the state land trust, which includes schools, universities, hospitals and other important public institutions.

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Commissioner Aubrey Dunn, Carrie Tingley Children's Hospital Executive Director Doris Tinagero and Deputy Commissioner Laura Riley packing up toy drive donations at the Land Office.



Carrie Tingley Children's Hospital patient Samara Alvarado - who just couldn't decide which stuffed animal she wanted.