

A season of holiday parties for needy children in Paterson - NorthJersey.com

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PATERSON – In the spirit of the holidays, various city organizations recently threw Christmas parties for children in need.



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Frosty works the crowd at holiday party at Oasis haven program

At the YMCA on Saturday, Santa and Mrs. Claus distributed gifts to more than 100 children who participate in the supervised visitation program for youngsters in foster care. The gifts were donated by YMCA staff, family and friend. Also, the Ridgewood-based law firm of Seigel and Capozzi donated \$2,500 worth of winter coats, hats and mittens.

Also on Saturday, the Oasis program for needy women and their children had a party that featured the Holiday Express group, including such characters as the Grinch, Frosty the Snowman and Santa's elves. The event at Oasis, "A Haven for Women and Children" was for 85 students and families in the after-school program.

Holiday Express visits adults and children in need, including the mentally and physically disabled, the isolated, individuals in addiction and recovery programs. "The show itself is fantastic, with lots of singing and surprises along the way," said Oasis Executive Director Sister Gloria Perez.

On Monday, the Bill McKoy Foundation held its annual Toys For Kids holiday party, while city activist Teddy Martinez organized a special holiday event for children whose parents are incarcerated.

On Christmas Eve, the North Jersey Community Development Corporation had its annual party for underprivileged children.