

For immediate release
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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford will attend a party Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C. She will arrive at 3 p.m.

The party is held annually for about 90 children at the Hospital (about 60 residents and 30 day-care patients) and is sponsored by the Naval Ship Engineering Center. The Hospital for Sick Children is located at 1731 Bunker Hill Road NE.

The Hospital is a specialized institution which provides intermediate care to infants, children and adolescents (described as care that meets the needs of children who require less than acute care, but much more than custodial care).

Mrs. Ford will be met by The Rev. Arthur A. Azlein, president of the board of trustees of the hospital; Dr. Constance U. Battle, medical coordinator for the hospital; and Ruth Paul, chairwoman of the Medical Committee. A check will be presented to Rev. Azlein for the Hospital from W.C. Barnes, Rear Admiral, United States Navy, on behalf of the Naval Ship Engineering Center. Alladin the Magician and Lollypop the Magic Clown will perform. Santa Claus will be played by Jon Buck, chairman of the Christmas Campaign at the Naval Ship Engineering Center.

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note: Mrs. Ford considers the Hospital for Sick Children a special project and this will be the fourth time she has visited the facility this year. Susan Ford accompanied her on a visit to their annual fair in June.

PRESS WHO WISH TO ACCOMPANY: pickup time 2:20 p.m. in press lobby. We must have names by noon Wednesday to arrange transportation.

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