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Hess Gifts Toy Trucks to Children's Specialized Hospital Patients with Special Guest Aaron Boone

Mountainside, NJ— Revving up the holiday season, Hess donated 2020 Hess Ambulance and Rescue toy trucks to patients with their special guest New York Yankees manager Aaron Boone.

Boone virtually visited each patient and their families at the hospital. Along with wishing them a happy holiday season, he fielded questions from long-time New York Yankees fans, and added to the excitement and cheer as the children tested out their new Hess toy trucks.

"JJ has been playing with her Hess truck since the moment she got it. She has been using it to save her 'babies' lives because she wants to see them get better just like she soon will. It makes me so happy to see her playing and smiling," said the aunt of patient Jaiyhonah "JJ" Harrison of Irvington, adding that JJ's babies are little plush animals.

This year's Hess truck pays tribute to first responders as they continue to fight on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 Hess Toy Truck is a pair of first responder vehicles, an Ambulance and a Rescue truck, that are designed to deliver aid wherever needed. It features nearly 100 lights, which is the most ever on a holiday Hess Toy Truck, and four different emergency siren and flashing light combinations as well as off-road wheelie-popping action.

This special gift donation is part of Hess Corporation's continued tradition of giving back during the holiday season through a variety of donations to charities and children's hospitals across the country.

"Hess has made donations to hospitals a staple of our annual giving program for many decades," said Justin Mayer, Hess Toy Truck general manager. "Specifically, we have been visiting Children's Specialized Hospital since 2017, making this our fourth year in a row."

Mayer said the connection stems from Hess and CSH sharing a Garden State founding history and that CSH is located close to the Hess home base in Cranbury.

The Hess Toy Truck is now offered exclusively online at HessToyTruck.com. It remains among the bestselling toys annually and is a highly sought-after collectible and treasured holiday tradition for 57 years.

Children's Specialized Hospital, an RWJBarnabas Health Facility, is leading the way to a brighter future for children and adolescents facing special health challenges – from chronic illnesses and complex physical disabilities like brain and spinal cord injuries, to developmental and behavioral issues like autism and mental health. **Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation**, a nonprofit organization, raises funds solely to support the programs and services of the hospital. All donations go directly to helping Children's Specialized Hospital pioneer life-changing care and serve more children in need. **To help, or for more information, visit www.childrens-specialized.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).**

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