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Toms River Family Raises Over \$10,000 for Children's Specialized Hospital After Drawing Hundreds Per Night at Annual Christmas Light Show

Toms River, NJ— On Wednesday January 6th, Children's Specialized Hospital's Toms River location was presented with a donation of \$10,625 by the Ferone family. This donation comes from another successful year of the Annual Christmas Lights Spectacular hosted by the family at their Toms River home.

Senior Secretary in Long Term Care, Sherri Fernicola mentioned, "This is simply an uplifting, humble act of kindness right here at home, that this year especially has touched the hearts of so many. The Ferone Family Light Show gets bigger and better every year drawing hundreds of people throughout the season, driving by and stopping to view the event."

Sherri added, "Their creativity comes from their passion to simply spread joy and happiness. We in Long Term Care are especially grateful for our children here to receive such a generous gift."

The Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) Long Term Care (LTC) facility in Toms River is home to many medically fragile children whose medical conditions and family circumstances no longer allow them to be cared for at home or other community setting. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our LTC patients were not able to attend the Ferone Family Light Show this holiday season, but usually enjoy the evening out watching the audiovisual extravaganza. There is a silver lining, however. With many other holiday festivities canceled the Ferone's drew more visitors and raised over \$10,000 for CSH between Thanksgiving and Christmas—well exceeding their \$4,000 goal.

“We are truly thankful for the Ferone Family and their generous donation to the Long Term Care Center. The creativity of their annual holiday light show has been a tradition that benefits the Long Term Care residents over the last few years, and this year is extra special,” said Long Term Care Supervisor Carolyn Franzoso. “The compassion from the community for the staff, residents and families during these unprecedented times, has been simply inspiring.”

For seven years, the Ferone Family has been spreading holiday joy with an exceptional Christmas light show at their home on Yellowbank Road. When asked why they chose CSH as the beneficiary of their Christmas Light Spectacular, Harry Ferone replied, “Children’s Specialized Hospital helps so many local families and this is our way of giving back. It feels good to help children right in our community.”

About Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation

When you give to Children’s Specialized Hospital (CSH) Foundation, 100% of your donation supports the programs and services of CSH that are transforming the lives of children with special healthcare needs. The CSH Foundation receives philanthropic support from those who share our mission and commitment to ensuring that all children with special healthcare needs receive the life-changing care they need to reach their full potential. To help or learn more, visit www.childrens-specialized.org/donate.

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Children’s Specialized Hospital, an RWJBarnabas Health Facility, is the nation’s leading provider of inpatient and outpatient care for children and young adults from birth to 21 years of age facing special healthcare challenges – from chronic illnesses and complex physical disabilities like brain and spinal cord injuries, to developmental and behavioral issues like autism and mental health. At 13 different New Jersey locations, our pediatric specialists partner with families to make our many innovative therapies and medical treatments more personalized and effective so each child can reach their full potential. For more information, visit www.childrens-specialized.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Linked In](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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