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Orlando Health Presents Ninth Annual MetroWest WinterFest Dec. 11

Thousands of Attendees Expected to Celebrate the Season at Free Community Event



ORLANDO, Fla. (Oct. 11, 2022) – Presented by Orlando Health, the ninth annual MetroWest WinterFest will welcome thousands of attendees to the MetroWest Golf Club on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Staged by the MetroWest Master Association (MWMA), MetroWest WinterFest is a free community event designed for families with young children.

“WinterFest brings the MetroWest neighborhood together for an afternoon of holiday fun and camaraderie,” said Julie Sanchez, MWMA General Manager.

WinterFest 2022 will begin with Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving in a Clydesdale-drawn carriage, which will then be available for rides for event attendees.

WinterFest will include:

- Free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus
- 16-ton snow slide and play area

- Holiday-themed performances by MetroWest Elementary School and Westpointe Elementary School
- Merry-go-round, bungee bouncer, and a ballistic swing carnival ride
- Face painters
- Horse and carriage rides
- Food Truck Zone
- Vendors

WinterFest also will feature a check presentation from MWMA to MetroWest Elementary School and Westpointe Elementary School.

MetroWest WinterFest benefits Edgewood Children’s Ranch, a nonprofit, residential program that helps boys and girls ages 6-17 address and overcome behavioral issues in a positive, safe environment. Every year, MetroWest communities and businesses compete in the MetroWest WinterFest Charity Challenge by collecting gift cards for the Ranch.

“Edgewood Children’s Ranch is part of our MetroWest community and offers much needed support for children with behavioral challenges. It’s our honor to support the Ranch and its exemplary residential program,” said Sanchez.

WinterFest is a rain or shine event, except in the case of extreme weather. Pets and coolers are not allowed.

For more information, visit www.metrowestcommunity.com or like MWMA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MetroWestMasterAssociation.

About MetroWest

Developed in 1986, MetroWest is one of Orlando's first master-planned communities and features award-winning landscaping and MetroWest Golf Club, as well as high-performing public schools, Valencia College campus and convenient access to both I-4 and 408 from the west side of Orlando. MetroWest offers a community lifestyle with neighborhood businesses and outdoor recreation options. The diverse community is complemented by a range of living options, from single-family homes of all sizes to apartments and condominiums. For more information, please visit www.MetroWestCommunity.com.

About Orlando Health

Orlando Health, headquartered in Orlando, Florida, is a not-for-profit healthcare organization with \$8 billion of assets under management that serves the southeastern United States.

Founded more than 100 years ago, the healthcare system is recognized around the world for Central Florida’s only pediatric and adult Level One Trauma program as well as the only state-accredited Level Two Adult Trauma Center in the St. Petersburg region. It is the home of the nation’s largest neonatal intensive care unit under one roof, the only system in the southeast to offer open fetal surgery to repair the most severe forms of spina bifida, the site of an Olympic athlete training facility and operator of one of the largest and highest performing clinically integrated networks in the region. Orlando Health has pioneered life-changing medical research and its Graduate Medical Education program hosts more than 350 residents and fellows. The 3,200-bed system includes 10 award-winning hospitals, 9

hospital based ERs, and 7 free-standing emergency rooms, rehabilitation services, cancer and heart institutes, imaging and laboratory services, wound care centers, physician offices for adults and pediatrics, skilled nursing facilities, an in-patient behavioral health facility, home healthcare services in partnership with LHC Group, and urgent care centers in partnership with FastMed Urgent Care. More than 4,200 physicians, representing more than 100 medical specialties and subspecialties have privileges across the Orlando Health system, which employs more than 23,000 team members. In FY21, Orlando Health served more than 160,000 inpatients and 3.6 million outpatients. During that same time period, Orlando Health provided approximately \$648 million in total value to the communities it serves in the form of charity care, community benefit programs and services, community building activities and more. Additional information can be found at <http://www.orlandohealth.com>, or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) @orlandohealth.

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