

For immediate release
Thursday, Dec. 18, 1975

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

Mrs. Ford will attend a Christmas party at the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D. C. Thursday, Dec. 18 at 2 p. m. She will help Santa pass out the Christmas gifts and serve refreshments.

Mrs. Ford will be met by Dr. Constance Battle, medical coordinator of the Hospital; Mrs. Barrington D. Parker (Marjorie), immediate past president of the Board of Trustees; and The Rev. Arthur Azlein, president of the board of trustees.

The party is held annually for about 95 children at the Hospital. Mrs. Ford attended the party last year and considers the Hospital a special interest. It is a specialized institution which provides intermediate care to infants, children and adolescents. About a third of its patients are day care, and two-thirds are residents.

The Christmas party is sponsored by the Naval Ship Engineering Company, represented by Adm. Willis C. Barnes, the commanding officer. Admiral Barnes will present the hospital with a check.

Mrs. Ford will receive a Christmas card made by the children at the Hospital. It will be presented by Leshawn Beasley, 3, daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Beasley.

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Press contact, Hospital for Sick Children:
Lorene Nagel, 832-4400.

Note: The Hospital is located at 1731 Bunker Hill Road NE.
Press who need transportation should contact x2164 as space is limited.