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Venice Family Clinic's  
24<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Holiday Movie  
Spreads Holiday Cheer and Raises Funds  
To Provide Health Care for Low-Income Children

*December 12, 2011* – On the morning of Saturday, December 10, 2011, Venice Family Clinic hosted its 24<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Holiday Movie at the United Artists Marina Del Rey 6 Theater, where more than 1,000 low-income children from the clinic, local schools and homeless shelters enjoyed a private screening of the Sony Pictures movie *Arthur Christmas* in a festive atmosphere with carols sung by a local school choir and gift bags from Santa Claus.

Eyes shone brightly as the children exited the movie theater and saw Santa Claus greeting them. The excitement grew as Venice Family Clinic's volunteer elves handed out bags full of toys, books and healthy treats. Lots of happy little faces filled the foyer of United Artists Marina Del Rey 6 Theater that generously donated the use of the space for this morning.

Hundreds of individuals and organizations collectively donated close to \$75,000 to "sponsor" children to attend the event. All the products and services associated with the event were donated so these funds, in turn, will benefit Venice Family Clinic's pediatric programs in 2012.

Seven thousand low-income and uninsured children from Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista and Culver City, and other Westside communities rely on Venice Family Clinic for their health care, including immunizations, asthma and weight management, mental health, vision care and dental care.

Donations to Venice Family Clinic's pediatric programs can be made by calling 310.664.7921 or visiting [www.venicefamilyclinic.org](http://www.venicefamilyclinic.org).

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Venice Family Clinic's mission is to provide free, quality health care to people in need. Established in 1970 by founder Phillip Rossman, MD, and co-founder Mayer B. Davidson, MD, the Clinic has grown from a small storefront operation into the largest free clinic in the country. With the help of more than 2,000 volunteers, including more than 500 physicians, Venice Family Clinic provides a medical home for over 25,000 patients through nine sites in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista, Inglewood, and Culver City. [www.venicefamilyclinic.org](http://www.venicefamilyclinic.org) Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/venicefamilyclinic](https://www.facebook.com/venicefamilyclinic)