

*For Immediate Release*

## **Dinner with Santa- 33 years Spreading Holiday Cheer To Central MN Senior Citizens - Calling Santa's!**

**St. Cloud, MN November 5, 2018**

With the help of many donations from local companies and generous volunteers dressed in holiday costume, **Dinner with Santa** will be held for the 33rd year on Monday evening, **December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites.**

Tables will be set for approximately 600 residents and helpers from 30+ Central Minnesota senior community locations. Each resident will be provided a holiday dinner complete with chicken, potatoes, dessert and beverages. Entertainment will include groups of chorale singers, handbell players, and musical accompaniments. A photo with one of the many Santa's will be taken and provided for each attendee. Gifts will be wrapped and distributed to each guest, and phone calls to family members will be provided as well.

The first Dinner with Santa started in the winter of 1985 to provide holiday cheer to residents in a local nursing facility. Today, the event has grown and happens only with the generous support of many local companies and organizations- donating all of the food, musical entertainment, photographs, wrapped gifts, cell phone use, and location to host the event have been provided. Special appreciation to the transportation providers eager to assist again this year!

Countless numbers of Santa's helpers have worked hard to organize the event contacting senior community locations, arrange bus transportation, wrap gifts, make nametags, and contact the many Santa's and Mrs. Clause that will complete the event.

**Volunteer Santa's in costume are still needed- contact 320-251-1038 if you can help spread the holiday cheer at our event.**

In the spirit of the season, these volunteers truly know what it takes to give back and look forward to sharing the evening with our special senior guests.

Dinner with Santa is co hosted by Express Employment Professionals and the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites St. Cloud.

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