

Photo: Sensory Santa visits will take place on Dec. 19 and 20, 2022, at First United Methodist in Brunswick.

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Sensory Santa Is Coming To Town *A free Santa visit for children with special needs*

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: Nov. 18, 2022 – A typical visit with Santa is often accompanied with bright lights, loud noises and long wait times. For children with sensory sensitivities, including those on the autism spectrum, the experience can be anything but jolly. Knowing how important this tradition can be for children (and their parents), Southeast Georgia Health System is offering an opportunity for children with special needs to visit with Santa in an environment specially designed for them.



“Our goal is to help children with sensory challenges have a joyful Santa experience by providing an environment that helps the child feel safe and secure,” says Erica Boyd, OTR/L, occupational therapist, Southeast Georgia Health System. “Kelly Sigman, our Sensory Santa, has received special training and knows how to do just that.”

Kelly Sigman, aka Sensory Santa, is a Graduate of Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School and a member of the International Brotherhood of Real Bearded Santas.

The free Sensory Santa visit will take place in a quiet room with lowered lights. Reservations are required and limited to one 15-minute session per child. **A professional photographer will not be available**; however, parents may take as many photos as they wish within the reserved time. Social distancing will be gently enforced, and face masks and hand sanitizers will be available.

The Sensory Santa visits are available by reservation only and will be held on December 19th and 20th, 4:00-8:30 p.m., at First United Methodist in Brunswick. Reservations are limited and early registration is encouraged. To reserve a time or for more information, please call Doreen Sigman at 912-264-4550 or send an email to sigman1@comcast.net.

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Southeast Georgia Health System is a not-for-profit health system comprised of two acute care hospitals, two long term care facilities, two comprehensive Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers, including orthopaedic and spine care, joint replacement, breast care, maternity, outpatient rehabilitation, sleep management and wound care. The Brunswick Campus Cancer Care Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and offers the only CyberKnife® M6 with MLC technology in Georgia. Additionally, the Southeast Georgia Physician Associates medical group includes more than 160 providers working in 20 different medical specialties at more than 50 locations. The Health System is part of Coastal Community Health, a regional affiliation between Baptist Health and Southeast Georgia Health System forming a highly integrated hospital network focused on significant initiatives designed to enhance the quality and value of care provided to our contiguous communities. For more information, visit sghs.org.