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Press Release

WECA brings Santa Claus to Blythedale Children by Ham Radio

In a heart warming gesture WECA members donate funds used to purchase holiday gifts for the children at the Blythedale Children's Hospital. On Tuesday December 16th 2008 at 6:30pm till 8pm, the WECA "elves" will allow each child to speak to "Santa Claus" over Ham radio and distribute the gifts to children. The WECA members stay to help the children unwrap their gifts and install batteries. For more information on Blythedale Children's hospital go to the web site at <http://www.blythedale.org/>

The WECA Amateur Radio operators, also known as Hams or Ham radio operators, are all volunteers belonging to Westchester Emergency Communication Association with close to 200 active members from Westchester and the surrounding area. Throughout the year WECA members volunteer to assist with public service events including; The Multiple Sclerosis Tappan Zee Bike tour, and The American Diabetes Association Walk. The WECA Hams use these events as "training" missions to help polish their communication skills, and to experiment with new equipment and technologies.

Robert Kantor, WECA's Public Service Director, will be available to answer any questions about this event and will be at Blythedale from 5:30pm till the event concludes. Robert Kantor can also be reached at 914-949-4231. For more information on WECA including: membership, Ham Radio, and other Public Service events, check out the web site at <http://www.weca.org>.

In consideration to the children at Blythedale and their privacy, please contact The Blythedale Children's Hospital for permission to access this event. For further information please contact Will Austen by email at n2uxj@weca.org