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Inova Loudoun Hospital Celebrates 10 Years of Children's Emergency Service

Community Birthday Party Attended by Hundreds

Leesburg, VA – On Saturday, hundreds of people attended the Inova Loudoun Hospital Children's ER 10th birthday celebration. Kids brought their favorite teddy bears and stuffed toys to the Mobile Health Services teddy bear clinic. Guests enjoyed a variety of activities including a petting zoo, glitter tattoos, moon bounce, and educational stations. In addition, there were tours of the Children's ER, ambulance and the PHI AirCare 3 helicopter. Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Fire & Rescue Department foam truck and Loudoun County Fire & Rescue emergency vehicles were also in attendance.

"Thank you for helping us celebrate 10 years of serving you and our community. We are proud to be the only ER in Loudoun County dedicated to treating pediatric patients," said Dr. Jill McCabe, Medical Director, Children's ER, Inova Loudoun Hospital.

"Over the past 10 years, nearly 180,000 children and their families have visited our department. No matter how big or small the emergency may be our amazing team is always ready. Everything about our department is designed to meet the unique needs of children. We know that children are not just small adults," stated Gina Harrison, Nurse Manager, Children's ER, Inova Loudoun Hospital.

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Inova Loudoun Hospital, serving Loudoun County for over 100 years, is part of Inova, a not-for-profit healthcare system based in Northern Virginia that consists of hospitals and other health services, including emergency- and urgent-care centers, home care, nursing homes, mental health and blood donor services, and wellness classes. Governed by a voluntary board of community members, Inova's mission is to improve the health of the diverse community it serves through excellence in patient care,

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Inova is a not-for-profit health care system located in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, serving over two million people with over 1,700 licensed beds based in Northern Virginia. Inova consists of five hospitals including the area's only Level 1 Trauma Center and Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care unit. Inova encompasses many health services including the nationally and internationally recognized Inova Heart and Vascular Institute (IHVI), *Inova Translational Medicine Institute* (ITMI) on genomics, Inova Neuroscience Institute and Inova Children's Hospital. Inova's mission is to improve the health of the diverse community it serves through excellence in patient care, education and research. More *information and statistics about Inova is at www.inova.org.*