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Made the Children of the FL Keys Children's Shelter Christmas Extra Special this year!



Santa Delivers Gifts - Read Below the excitement from a staff member who shared!

Christmas morning at the Florida Keys Children's Shelter was nothing short of magical. Santa made his final stop before heading back to the North Pole, waking the children early with the sound of jingle bells and festive music. Sleepy eyes slowly opened, and the realization of who was there brought instant excitement. As the children unwrapped their gifts, the room buzzed with joy and gratitude. One child exclaimed, "This is just what I wanted!" while holding up a Nintendo Switch and a game. A 17-year-old girl shared a heartfelt reflection, saying it was nice to have a Christmas without fighting or yelling, and that the adults genuinely wanted them there to celebrate. A 13-year-old boy, beaming with happiness, declared it was the best Christmas ever. After the presents were opened, Santa joined the children for a fresh breakfast buffet. Despite his exhaustion from a busy night of deliveries, he shared laughs and warm moments with the kids before dozing off briefly at the table, much to their amusement. The morning was filled with cheer, thoughtful gifts, and much-needed essentials. For the children, it wasn't just about the presents—it was about the sense of belonging, love, and peace that made this Christmas truly unforgettable.