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PRESS RELEASE

The Bristol Santa House Announces the First Annual Santa Claus' Party and Open House to kick off the Holiday Season

The Bristol Santa House Opens for 2024 Season on November 23

Bristol, RI USA – 11/2/2024 – The James D. Rielly Foundation is excited to announce the official opening of the Bristol Santa House™ for the 2024 holiday season on Saturday, November 23, from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The festivities will feature the arrival of Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, who will greet children and families as they step into the magical world of the Bristol Santa House. The event will feature live music, cookies, and hot chocolate. This marks a new tradition for the Bristol Santa House, inviting the entire community to enjoy a lively evening of fun and holiday cheer.

"We're so excited to launch the holiday season with this open house event," said Michael Rielly, founder and Chief Merriment Officer of the James D. Rielly Foundation. "It's an opportunity for the community to come together, and we are incredibly grateful to all the sponsors, volunteers, and supporters who make the Bristol Santa House possible year after year."

Located next to the historic Bristol Statehouse at 240 High Street, the Bristol Santa House offers a unique, accessible holiday experience tailored for individuals with disabilities and their families. While the house opens throughout the season, the November 23 event will serve as a festive, community-wide open house event, offering attendees the opportunity to enjoy the magic of the Santa House.

2024 Season Sponsors

Morrisette Construction and Reliable Pest Control are the official sponsors of the First Annual Santa Claus' Party. In addition, the Bristol Santa House 2024 Season Sponsors include:

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Founded with the mission to provide free, immersive holiday experiences for children and adults with disabilities, the Bristol Santa House continues to be a beloved tradition in the East Bay community. With the generous support of donors and the hard work of dedicated volunteers, the Santa House has become a magical destination for families during the holiday season. The James D. Rielly Foundation operates the Bristol Santa House and remains committed to spreading holiday cheer, fostering community connections, and ensuring every guest has a memorable experience.

For more information on the Bristol Santa House and to view the full schedule of the 2024 season or to volunteer, please visit www.bristolsantahouse.org.

About James D Rielly Foundation, Inc.

Funded entirely by public support and organized exclusively for charitable purposes, the James D. Rielly Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer organization that provides charitable and emotional support to the children and families of military, law enforcement, and first responders hindered by economic status, physical or mental challenges. To learn more, please visit www.jdrfoundation.org. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

About the Bristol Santa House

The Bristol Santa House™, a program of the James D. Rielly Foundation, promotes inclusion by providing a welcoming, accessible, environment for families of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to share in the magic and joy of the holiday season. By offering scheduled visits tailored to children with special needs, we remove obstacles families often face in public settings like long lines, crowds, and loud noises. Children can interact with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus at their own pace and comfort level. Our objective is that every child, regardless of ability, can experience the wonder of the holidays. Learn more about the Bristol Santa House at www.bristolsantahouse.org

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