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SANTA NOW HONORARY FIREFIGHTER, VISITS CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL

Glendale, Ariz. — Santa made a quick stop in Glendale this past week before heading back to the North Pole, visiting children at Banner Thunderbird Medical Center.

Santa was able to brighten the children’s spirits just like he always does by talking to them, taking pictures and bringing presents.

During the summer of 2010, Santa Claus was vacationing in Glendale and shopping to find some antiques and collectables for Mrs. Claus. When he was entering one of the stores, Fire Chief Mark Burdick recognized him and invited him to lunch. The Chief and Santa decided to go to one of the Glendale’s fine restaurants where Chief Burdick had a cup of coffee and Santa had a cup of hot cocoa.

As they were talking, Santa mentioned that ever since he was a little elf, he dreamed of being a firefighter like so many children but since he was destined to become Santa Claus, that dream was never to happen. Chief Burdick immediately said that he could make Santa an Honorary Glendale Firefighter, as long as he promised to come back and visit. Of course Santa agreed and was immediately sworn in.

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