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Yes Roosevelt, There is a Santa Claus

OLD BRIDGE – Proving that the Christmas spirit doesn't fade with age, Roosevelt Care Center at Old Bridge welcomed a visit from none other than Jolly Old St. Nick Thursday night.

Upgrading from his usual reindeer, Santa Claus made his way over to Middlesex County's newest long-term care center on a shiny red fire engine with plenty of holiday cheer in tow.

For more than an hour, Santa, who was accompanied by members of the South Old Bridge Volunteer Fire Company, hobknobbed with residents, making his way from room to room for a quick chat and in several cases, a picture.

"It gives me goose bumps just thinking about the looks on our residents' faces," said Roosevelt Recreation Aid Jennifer Sturak. "They were so happy and so grateful for the visit."

But an appreciation for the firefighters' gesture was even more widespread than that.

"For many of our residents this really is the most wonderful time of the year," said Alan Fialka, licensed administrator at Roosevelt Care Center at Old Bridge. "For the young and even the young at heart, Santa Claus is a symbol of generosity. What these firefighters did here is a great embodiment of that very sentiment."

For more information on Roosevelt Care Center at Old Bridge, an operation overseen by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, log onto www.rooseveltcarecenter.com or call 732-360-9830.

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