

## CommWell Health | A St. Nicholas Ministry Partner

CommWell Health, previously known as Tri County Community Health, is a non-profit community health center dedicated to serving rural communities across southeastern North Carolina since 1976. For over 30 years, CommWell Health has partnered with St. Paul's Episcopal Church through its St. Nicholas Giving program to support and provide Christmas presents to their pediatric patient population.

In 2023, St. Paul's supported 220 children from 112 families affiliated with CommWell Health. Eligible recipients of St. Nicholas gifts must be under the age of 13, active patients who have been seen within the past year, uninsured or Medicaid enrolled, and meet the established poverty guidelines. Parents are invited to create a wish list on behalf of their children, with no restrictions on the nature of these requests. Additionally, St. Nicholas provides each family with a grocery gift card, funded by donations from parishioners. For many families, this program represents their primary means of receiving gifts during the holiday season.







CommWell Health holds a gift distribution event at its Operation Center in Four Oaks, NC. The event features a festive atmosphere with a lit Christmas tree, a visit from Santa Claus, and a photographer. This event not only brings joy to the children but also serves as an essential outreach tool for CommWell Health, fostering continued engagement with healthcare services within a traditionally underserved and difficult-to-reach population.



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Learn more about St. Paul's St. Nicholas Ministry <u>HERE</u>