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Patients at Pate Rehabilitation Distribute Donations to Area Homeless

Initiative combines brain injury therapy with holiday camaraderie

DALLAS—Dec. 18, 2012— Pate Rehabilitation, delivering evidence-based treatment and support programs for individuals recovering from [acquired brain injuries](#) (ABIs), today announced that patients collected and distributed donations for [The Stewpot's](#) "Holiday Boxes for the Homeless." The Stewpot is an organization that offers a safe haven for homeless and at-risk individuals by providing resources for basic survival needs, as well as opportunities to start a new life.

Each year, patients in Pate's Independent Living Skills program choose one local charity to which they donate during the holiday season. While the process is patient-led, therapists and care providers carefully match each patient with a task that relates to his or her treatment needs—wrapping presents to improve fine motor skills or checking off donation box contents to stimulate memory processes.

"It's very inspiring to have a group of individuals so passionate about giving back to the community, especially knowing that they have gone through traumatic experiences themselves," says Dana Sims, MS, CRC, with Pate Rehabilitation.

Patients collected dental care necessities, flashlights, winter clothing and grooming products for each donation box. In addition, patients included a blank Christmas card and pen so recipients could reach out and reconnect with loved ones.

According to the [Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance](#), 3,447 homeless people currently reside on the streets. Nationwide research suggests that [up to 50 percent](#) of these individuals have an undiagnosed brain injury that will likely go untreated.

About Pate Rehabilitation

Pate Rehabilitation is dedicated to the treatment of individuals with acquired brain injuries, helping them return to the highest quality of life possible. With facilities in Anna, Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, Pate Rehabilitation provides personalized, evidence-based neuropsychological, cognitive, occupational, physical and speech therapies to advance and accelerate patient recovery. Recognizing that the impact of brain injury extends beyond the patient, Pate serves as a compassionate resource for family



members, helping them meet the practical and emotional challenges of caring for persons with brain injuries. In addition to therapy, Pate is a leader in research, advocacy and education to advance understanding in the prevention of, and effective care for, brain injuries. To learn more about Pate Rehabilitation or acquired brain injury and its treatment, please visit www.paterehab.com or call 972-241-9334.

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