

CLASS OF 1994 HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN

The Freshman Class is comprised of serious medical students. They became members of COMP's Class of '94 by successfully obtaining one of 118 places in the class. They beat the odds. There were more than 1000 applicants for those places. However, they chose to participate in an unusual class project in an effort not to become too "bookie."

Their class project was ambitious. They elected to throw a Christmas party for 60 area children and 10 single parents with babies. They did everything from contact the social service agency that identified the children to soliciting funding to make the day special. Their largest gift was from the Jim Everett Foundation.

The children in attendance were boys and girls who might have had a meager Christmas without this exciting day at COMP.

The event began with a pizza and soda lunch. Each child was given a COMP t-shirt. Prior to the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, the children made tree ornaments.

The children then traveled outside to await the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, who arrived in a Jaguar convertible. They then entered Swift Hall, which contained a beautifully decorated tree, a fireplace, and Christmas stockings with a child's name on each one.

As Mrs. Claus read the child's name from the list, the little one bravely marched to the front of the room and received a hug and two wrapped presents from Santa. The afternoon concluded with carols and farewells.

homes. These were terminally ill patients who had opted to be cared for by their families. Thus, we were learning about home health care, as well as taking part in outpatient consultations at the hospital, and following the progress of his inpatients. Considering our previously limited clinical background, this experience was both educational and enlightening.

Keeping our priorities in order, fun and adventure were had on our evenings

and weekends off. We came to know and love the people, culture, and centuries-old architecture of Valladolid. We also explored the more distant Spanish cities of San Sebastian, Salamanca, and Granada, as well as the beautiful coastal capitol of Lisbon, Portugal. Our stories are too numerous to detail here; suffice it to say that we met wonderful people, saw incredible sights, and expanded our medical perspective. There is no doubt in our minds that we made the most of our last summer.



The Class of 1994 welcomed more than 60 children to COMP for food, entertainment, arts and crafts, gifts and a visit with Santa on December 20, 1990.



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived at COMP in a Jaguar convertible.

Craig Durck was seen sitting on a step, with his face in his hands, simply gazing. His expression, one of wonder, was that typically seen on someone much smaller in size. "This is really special," he said. "This is what it's all about."

Thanks to Mr. Durck and to all members of the Class of 1994 for making us all proud to be members of the COMP Family. Special thanks to Nikki Donaldson, Greg Wakeman, Dana Keberle, Kym Guion, Susan Kawakami, Laurie Nakamura, Mike Dostrow and Robin Smith.