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## ***Bristol Santa House Opens November 22 to Welcome Families of All Abilities for Annual Santa Claus' Party***

*Annual free event invites families to celebrate the magic of the holidays with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Bristol Santa House*

**Bristol, RI USA – 10/7/2025** – The James D. Rielly Foundation is excited to announce the official opening of the **Bristol Santa House™** for the 2025 holiday season on **Saturday, November 22, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. at 240 High Street**, next to the historic Bristol Statehouse.

The annual **Santa Claus' Party** brings the community together to launch the holiday season with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The celebration features music, entertainment, and treats outdoors, and the opportunity to step inside the Bristol Santa House for a tour with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

“Every child deserves a little magic at Christmastime,” said **Michael Rielly**, founder and Chief Merriment Officer of the James D. Rielly Foundation. “The Bristol Santa House was created so every family, regardless of ability, could share in that joy. Seeing the wonder on a child’s face when they meet Santa reminds us why we do this”.

### **2025 Season Sponsors**

This year’s Santa Claus’ Party is presented by **Coca-Cola Northeast** and **Morrisette Construction**.

The 2025 Bristol Santa House Season Sponsors also include:

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Additional support for the Bristol Santa House was provided through grants from the Fogarty Foundation and Roger Williams University.

Founded in 2022, the Bristol Santa House was created to provide **free, inclusive holiday experiences for children and adults with disabilities and their families**. Operated entirely by volunteers through the James D. Rielly Foundation, the Bristol Santa House has gained national attention and has quickly become a cherished Rhode Island tradition. With the generous support of donors and sponsors, the Bristol Santa House offers families a welcoming and memorable destination throughout the holiday season.

For the full 2025 schedule, volunteer opportunities, or to learn more, please visit: [www.bristolsantahouse.org](http://www.bristolsantahouse.org).

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*Voted Best of Rhode Island by Rhode Island Monthly, the Bristol Santa House provides an inclusive holiday experience for children and adults with disabilities and their families – entirely free of charge.*

**About James D. Rielly Foundation, Inc.**

Funded entirely by public support and organized exclusively for charitable purposes, the James D. Rielly Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer organization that provides charitable and emotional support to the children and families of military, law enforcement, and first responders hindered by economic status, physical or mental challenges. To learn more, please visit [www.jdrfoundation.org](http://www.jdrfoundation.org). Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

**About the Bristol Santa House**

The Bristol Santa House™, a program of the James D. Rielly Foundation, promotes inclusion by providing a welcoming, accessible, environment for families of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to share in the magic and joy of the holiday season. By offering scheduled visits tailored to children with special needs, we remove obstacles families often face in public settings like long lines, crowds, and loud noises. Children can interact with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus at their own pace and comfort level. Our objective is that every child, regardless of ability, can experience the wonder of the holidays. Learn more about the Bristol Santa House at [www.bristolsantahouse.org](http://www.bristolsantahouse.org)