

Shaq-A-Claus a bag of fun



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Ho-ho-ho it's **Shaq-A-Claus!** **Boston Celtics** [[team stats](#)] big guy **Shaquille O'Neal** donned a Santa hat and hosted a holiday bash for the kids from the **Roxbury Boys and Girls Club** in Dedham yesterday and a very merry time was had by all.

With his galpal **Nicole "Hoopz" Alexander** sitting on his lap like a regular Santa's elf, the Big Man delivered toys to all the good girls and boys, played video games and dug into a big Italian buffet at the **Buca di Beppo** restaurant.

O'Neal has been spreading holiday cheer to underprivileged kids in every city where he's played ball since 1992 when his mother created the Shaq-A-Claus event.

"I've been doing it ever since," said No. 36, who has adopted the Roxbury Boys and Girls Club as his special concern since coming to Boston.

Ladaun Spencer, 9, of Roxbury, passed Shaq a note at the party yesterday to thank the **Celtics** center for a new pair of shoes he gave her at Thanksgiving.

After reading it, Shaq immediately invited Ladaun over for a hug. Later he donned a single white glove, a la Michael Jackson, and he and Hoopz challenged the kids to a “Thriller” dance off on the just-released **Ubisoft** game “Michael Jackson: The Experience.”

Despite his ability to channel the “King of Pop, Shaq claimed video games aren’t part of his daily routine. “I haven’t played video games since Sega,” he told the Track.

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