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Olympic Gold Medal Winner Michael Phelps
Brings a “Splash” of Cheer to Kids at Beth Israel Medical Center

New York, NY (December 12, 2008) On Tuesday, December 2, pediatric patients at Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan were treated to a special visit from Olympic sensation Michael Phelps, who took home eight Gold Medals from this year’s Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

In town to be honored as Sports Illustrated Magazine’s “Sportsman of the Year” at a gala being held that night, Phelps chose to spend the early part of the day spreading excitement and cheer at the hospital. In addition to posing for photos and signing autographs, he read a story to the children and went bedside to visit with patients and their families.

“We know that this is a busy time for Mr. Phelps,” says David J. Shulkin, MD, President of Beth Israel Medical Center. “So we are so thankful that he took time out his very busy schedule to make a special visit to our youngest patients. It meant so much to them, their families and our staff.”

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