Karen Alford leads gift drive – Karen Alford, executive assistant in the Department of Emergency Medical Sciences, recently led a very successful drive for gifts for children at the Woodruff Early Childhood Center. The UAMS House of Delegates’ Good Neighbor/Publicity Committee, chaired by Karen, raised over $2100 to buy educational books, toys, and clothing for the children at Woodruff. As it turns out, $2100 goes a long way, because 133 children were given goodie bags last Friday, December 20, at their Christmas party, thanks to Karen and the committee. In the photo, Karen is the one posing as Santa’s helper behind a few of the gift bags.

“The Woodruff Early Childhood Center in the Little Rock School District provides a high-quality preschool program at no cost to parents. Woodruff Early Childhood Center uses a learning center approach which provides opportunity for children to engage in respectful interactions in a richly prepared environment with professionals available to help them develop socially, emotionally, academically, and physically.” (Quote from Woodruff’s webpage.)