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# A Hero hit

**S**OME of Adelaide's little heroes enjoyed a Christmas treat at Adelaide Zoo yesterday. More than 150 children and their families had the time of their lives, getting up close and personal with giant pandas **Wang Wang** and **Funi** at the Myer Little Heroes Foundation Christmas Party. Foundation ambassador and new Crows captain **Nathan van Berlo** was another big hit with the kids, handing out presents with Father Christmas. Champion cyclist **Anna Meares** and former basketballer **Rachael Sporn** were so on hand to help spread the festive cheer. "Nathan's given out every present. I

think he's more popular than Santa," the foundation director **Chris McDermott** joked. "The day has been fantastic. It's definitely the biggest Christmas party we've ever had." The event is a great opportunity for families going through tough times to relax during the holiday season, Chris says. "It's that one day of the year when all the families can get together and have a bit of fun and a laugh," he says. "And that community aspect is why we do it." After a "challenging" 2010, Chris says there are big things on the horizon for the foundation. "I've been amazed and overwhelmed with the support we've received from everyone," he says. "Next year is going to be our biggest by far I'm sure."



**SANTA TIME:** Chris McDermott, Rachael Sporn and Nathan van Berlo visit Santa Claus with Ned Potter and Oliver Goss at the Little Heroes Christmas party at Adelaide Zoo yesterday.  
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