## **MSM Department of Surgery Holiday Giving!**

Morehouse School of Medicine Department of Surgery went above the usual faculty/staff holiday gifting to demonstrate excellent charitable service by supporting two families this holiday season. The Surgery Department collaborated with Grady Hospital Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU) social workers, Ms. Zhao Lin, MSW, and Ms. Brenda Ballard, MSW, to help the department identify two families with the greatest need. The families presented had 10 children (five from each family) whose mothers were residing in SICU throughout the holiday season. Faculty, staff, and medical students gave generously to provide toys, clothing, toiletries, and treats for children whose ages ranged from newborn to thirteen years old. We also provided monetary support to the parents/guardians of the children to help with transportation, food, and other necessities. With thankful hearts, the families tearfully collected their gifts on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 and offered their sincerest gratitude.

The social workers extended thanks to the MSM Department of Surgery for their humanitarian efforts, which enabled two families to experience compassion and joy during the holiday season. A small department doing extraordinary things!