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OVER 300 LOW-INCOME SOUTH WHITTIER-AREA FAMILIES RECEIVE HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES AND TOYS

Holiday Event Assists Community Residents Struggling to Make Ends Meet

SOUTH WHITTIER, DECEMBER 21, 2011 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) held its 14th Annual Holiday Basket and Toy Giveaway for 300 pre-registered low-income Whittier-area families. Santa Claus greeted families, handed out gifts, and took photographs with the excited children at the Community Resource Center (CRC) located in South Whittier. Additionally, families were provided boxes of food to prepare a holiday meal for their family, complete with a turkey and all the trimmings.

The event was co-sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisors Gloria Molina (1st District) and Don Knabe (4th District), whose two constituencies utilize the CRC; the CDC, which serves as the community development and affordable housing agency for the County; the Los Angeles County Fire, Probation, and Children and Family Services

Departments; California Highway Patrol; local Girl and Boy Scout troops; the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department – Norwalk Station; and various community groups.

Owned by the County and operated by the CDC, the CRC opened on February 11, 1998, and was developed to serve as a productive meeting place for events like today's giveaway. The CRC offers valuable resources and programs to area residents, including youth and family services, educational workshops, a computer learning center, and health care services.

Sean Rogan, Executive Director of the CDC stated, "It is the generous support of donors and volunteers that make this annual community tradition possible. Together, we are able to bring the joy of the holidays to the residents of South Whittier."

The Community Resource Center is located at 10750 Laurel Avenue in South Whittier. For information on services provided by the CRC or to find out how to register for next year's basket distribution, please call (562) 946-2425 or visit the website at www.swcrc.org.

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