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COUNTY CELEBRATES 16 YEARS OF DISTRIBUTING FOOD AND TOYS TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN THE WHITTIER UNINCORPORATED AREAS

Community Spirit Brings Holiday Joy to Struggling Families



South Whittier, December 20, 2012 – For many low-income families, the money brought home simply isn't enough to put together a special meal for their family this holiday. To lend a helping hand, the Community Resource Center (CRC), with the support of Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and an army of community volunteers, joined together again this year to brighten the holidays for 300 low-income families in the Whittier unincorporated areas.

This year marks the 16th annual Holiday Food and Toy Giveaway. During the event, families received boxes filled with a turkey and all the trimmings to complete a holiday meal. Santa Claus was also there to greet the children. Their visit with Santa Claus was captured in a family picture given as a memento of this special day.



Over 75 volunteers from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Norwalk Station Civilian Volunteer and Explorers Programs, Los Angeles County Fire Explorer Program, Whittier Area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, local high school and middle school student volunteers, and dozens of other area residents contributed countless hours of their time to bring the spirit of the holidays to the community.

The event was co-sponsored by Supervisor Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Sheriff's Department–Norwalk Station, Shelter Partnership, and the California Highway Patrol. "This is truly a community affair that would not be possible without the participation of many volunteers who made this event successful and memorable for the families in the unincorporated Whittier area," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.



The CRC is a project of the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles and is funded by the Fourth Supervisorial District. It works in collaboration with its onsite service providers to offer health, wellness, and educational programs for families, seniors, and youth.

The CRC is located at 10750 Laurel Avenue in South Whittier. For information on services provided by the CRC, please call (562) 946-2425, or visit the website at www.swcrc.org. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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