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## **HOLIDAY SPIRIT SHINES BRIGHT AT THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER**

**County Officials, Donors, and Volunteers Help Provide Holiday Meals and  
Toys to 300 Families in the Unincorporated Whittier Areas**



*Karen Giron and family visit with Santa during the Holiday Basket and Toy Giveaway.*

South Whittier, December 18, 2013 – The holidays are about giving to those less fortunate and the Community Resource Center (CRC) is carrying out this message by providing food and toys to underprivileged families in the unincorporated Whittier area.

Through the generous support of Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC), and local volunteers, the spirit of the holidays shone bright at the CRC during the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Basket and Toy Giveaway. Boxes filled with a turkey and all the trimmings for a holiday meal were distributed to over 300 area families, along with gifts for over 650 children. Santa Claus was also onsite to greet participants and pose for family photos.

Coordination of this annual event, which has become a staple for the community, is no small task. Over 75 volunteers from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department - Norwalk Station Civilian Volunteer and Explorer 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 area residents, dedicated hundreds of hours of their time to bring this wonderful event to life.



*Phil Stripling of the Department of Child and Family Services (Center); along with volunteers from Parking Enforcement and the Fire and Sheriff Department Explorer Programs.*

Further, the event would not have been possible without the generous donations of the major sponsors including Supervisor Don Knabe representing the County's Fourth Supervisorial District, the Los Angeles County Fire Department "Spark of Love Program",

Sheriff's Department - Norwalk Station, Shelter Partnership, and California Highway Patrol. Their annual commitment to ensuring enough resources so that every family receives holiday meals and toys helps make this event a true success!

Supervisor Don Knabe stated, "The CRC's impact on the community is never more evident than during the Annual Holiday Basket and Toy Giveaway. This wonderful event provides the opportunity for the community's partners and volunteers to gather and help their friends and neighbors, who may be struggling, have a special holiday season."



*Gabriela Salgado and Enoc Solano celebrate the holidays with 11 month old daughter Alice.*

The CRC is located at 10750 Laurel Avenue in South Whittier, and is a project of the CDC. It is funded by the Fourth Supervisorial District and works with onsite service providers to offer health, wellness, and educational programs for families, seniors, and youth.

For information on services provided by the CRC, please call (562) 946-2425, or visit the website at [www.swcrc.org](http://www.swcrc.org). All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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