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COUNTY HELPS MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHT FOR OVER 400 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

Public and Private Entities Partner with the County to Provide Toys and Food to Those in Need This Holiday Season

Los Angeles, December 23, 2015 - The Community Development Commission (CDC) and Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) are making the holidays a little brighter for families throughout Los Angeles County this holiday season.

Through the generous support of Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and



local volunteers, the spirit of the holidays shone bright at the Community Resource Center in South Whittier during the 19th Annual Holiday Basket and Toy Giveaway. Boxes filled with all the trimmings for a holiday meal were distributed to over 300 families, along with gifts for about 600 children.

Coordination of this annual event 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 Girl Scouts, student volunteers, and dozens of area residents, dedicated hundreds of hours of their time to bring this

wonderful event to life. Their commitment to ensuring enough resources so that every family receives holiday meals and toys helps make this event a true success!

Additionally, throughout the month of December, HACoLA helped to ensure that nearly 1,400 public housing and over 250 Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program youth, would have a merry and bright holiday season. The agency hosted a series of holiday events at its public housing



developments, as well as at its administrative offices, where over 100 FSS families were treated to holiday festivities that included food, games, music, and pictures with Santa to



keep as a memento. Events of this size require all hands on deck, and Target Stores graciously provided over 20 employee volunteers who rolled up their sleeves to help wrap and hand out gifts to HACoLA youth. The highlight of each event was seeing the children's faces light up as they received their gifts.

The agency's County-wide holiday events were made possible through the generosity of Shelter Partnership, Spark of Love, and the California Highway Patrol. This year, the CDC and HACoLA were especially grateful for the outpouring of donations from neighboring businesses located in the City of Alhambra such as Pizza Studio, Alhambra Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Ram, Alondra Hot Wings, Starbucks Coffee, 85⁰ C Bakery, and many others who graciously donated toys, food, and monetary donations to help give families a holiday to remember.



In total, the CDC/HACoLA distributed gifts to over 2,200 low-income youth throughout Los Angeles County, spreading the holiday spirit! For more information on the CDC, please visit www.lacdc.org. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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