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## UNION PACIFIC PROGRAM RECEIVES CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

**The YWCA of Greater Los Angeles' Youth Development Program  
Recognized for its Effective Use of Federal Community Development  
Block Grant Funds Within the 38<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**



*Congresswoman Judy Chu and CDC  
Executive Director Sean Rogan  
congratulate the YWCA on the success  
of the Youth Development Program.*

Los Angeles, March 1, 2013 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined Congresswomen Judy Chu to present the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles with a 2012 Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award for its Youth Development Program. The Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award recognizes projects or programs that demonstrate the impact Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds have on residents and communities in the Los Angeles County area.

The CDBG Program gives local governments a flexible way to address a wide range of unique community development challenges. The primary objective of the

Program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income.



*From L-R: YWCA Program Director Norma Gonzalez, Congresswoman Chu, YWCA Chief Executive Officer Faye Washington, and YWCA Senior Director Sharon Shelton.*

Union Pacific Program Receives Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award  
The YWCA's Youth Development Program was chosen by Congresswoman Judy Chu as a prime example of how CDBG funds are used to benefit her district. The County's First Supervisorial District provided the

YWCA, which is the first and only center to address the unmet needs of youth in the Union Pacific community, with \$42,000 in CDBG funding to support the Youth Development Program. Through CDBG funding, youth have a safe haven where they can go to be mentored, receive support and encouragement, and gain access to vital resources that will help them excel academically. Life skills workshops impart tools for confidence and self-esteem building. Parents have expressed deep gratitude for being able to count on the YWCA to provide a safe space for their children to learn and grow while they work towards providing for their families.

CDC Executive Director Sean Rogan said, "I congratulate the YWCA on their Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award. We are delighted to provide CDBG funds to support this vital resource for the youth within the Union Pacific community."

For more information on the Youth Development Program, please contact the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles at (213) 365-2991. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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