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HOLIDAY EVENTS PROVIDE HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES FOOD BASKETS AND GIFTS

Los Angeles County Helps Spread Holiday Cheer

Los Angeles, December 21, 2018 – Each year, the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACoLA) enlists the help of local partners, staff, and volunteers to help make the holidays a little merrier for hundreds of Los Angeles County residents.



The Community Resource Center in South Whittier was bustling with holiday cheer during its 22nd Annual Holiday Basket and Toy Giveaway. Boxes filled with all the trimmings for a holiday meal were distributed to approximately 200 families, along with gifts for over 600 children. More than 50 volunteers from Los Angeles County Fire Department’s “*Spark of Love*” program, the California Highway Patrol, Sheriff’s Department-Norwalk Station, Shelter Partnership, and local Girl and Boy Scout troops dedicated hours of their time to make this event a success.



Additionally, the CDC/HACoLA hosted a series of holiday events at its public housing developments. Nearly 1,200 public housing youth throughout the County received holiday gifts, and over 900 public housing families received holiday food baskets.

Monique King-Viehland, CDC/HACoLA Executive Director stated, “For many years, the CDC/HACoLA has taken pride in ensuring families who need a little help at the holidays have all the fixings for a special meal and gifts for their children. Through the support of our partners, nearly 1,100 families’ homes and tables are full of holiday cheer.”

The agency’s County-wide holiday events were made possible through the generosity of the California Highway Patrol, Lomita Sheriff’s Station, Cottonwood Church, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, and The Basket Brigade. The CDC/HACoLA was also especially grateful for the outpouring of support from Southside Church of



Christ, Shelter Partnership, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Rho Iota chapter, Central Neighborhood Health Foundation, Women in Action Reaching Out, Borba Realty, East Los Angeles College Criminal Justice Department, 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 1,800 youth with limited means throughout Los Angeles County, spreading the holiday spirit!

For more information on the CDC/HACoLA, please visit www.lacdc.org. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC/HACoLA Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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