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Toy Loan & Volunteer Services Newsletter

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Director's Corner

I am pleased to announce the 75th anniversary celebration of the Los Angeles County DPSS Toy Loan Program. We have numerous activities planned for the coming year. We have also launched our commemorative 75th anniversary website that features archive photos and letters from former Toy Loan borrowers <http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/toyloan>. If you have a story that you would like to share about your experience as a Toyrarian or Toy Loan borrower, please email me at marciabenitez@dpss.lacounty.gov. We would love to share your experiences with others. We are also excited to announce a design contest for our new Toy Loan Center library cards. Current Toy Loan borrowers are encouraged to participate. The winner and his/her family will receive a gift certificate and will be honored at an April 8, 2010 awards breakfast. The winning child's artwork will appear on all new Toy Loan membership cards. Please see our website for more details.



Los Angeles County DPSS Toy Loan Program 75 th Anniversary 2010 Calendar of Events	
Jan	Install Toy Loan Archive Photo Collection at the Hall of Administration
Feb	Install Toy Loan Archive Photo Collection at Crossroads Main Bldg.
March	Toy Loan 75 th Anniversary Photo Exhibit at Mid-Valley Branch Library.
April	April 8 th 2010 - 75 th Anniversary Celebration Breakfast at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital to Honor Donors, Toyriarians and Community Dignitaries.
May	"Toy Loan - Children's Month." A Month of Special Events Planned for Children in Each Supervisorial District
June	John Anson Ford Theater – Free Admission for Toy Loan Borrowers and Their Families.

Recent Grand Openings

Carver Park Grand Opening on November 5, 2009.



Locke Ready for School Grand Opening on November 30, 2009.



Torrance Occupational Therapy Training Program (OTTP) Grand Opening on December 23, 2009.





Please Join Us in Celebrating 75 Years of Service to the Children of Los Angeles County

The DPSS Toy Loan Program Archive Photo Exhibit is on Display at

The Los Angeles County Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street - Second Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012

January 4, 2010 through January 29, 2010 .



Visit us at <http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/toyloan>
For additional information, please call (213) 744-4344

Save the Date

BROTHERHOOD Crusade & **MOTHERS IN ACTION**

Along with co-hosting sponsors: **SENTINEL** and **WAL*MART**

Friends Serving Friends Annual Homeless Feed

Saturday February 20, 2010
10:00am to 2:00pm
on Skid Row (Towne Ave. between 4th St. and 5th St.)

VOLUNTEER, PARTICIPATE, DONATE





Volunteer opportunities are limited so please call or e-mail Rafael Navarro, Volunteer Coordinator to sign-up (213) 744-4348 rafaelnavarro@dpss.lacounty.gov

Free parking will be available. More details to follow.
Mothers In Action is a sponsored agency of the Brotherhood Crusade

2009 Adopt-A-Family Program

Each year, this heartfelt and longstanding tradition continues to bring smiles to hundreds of needy families served by DPSS. Los Angeles County staff, individuals, groups, community members, and local businesses all participate in this joyous and gratifying event by sponsoring families. Sponsors are provided with the "adoptee's" contact information along with their "wish list" of requested items. These items range from grocery items, clothing, gift certificates, or toy requests. This past Christmas, the 2009 Adopt-A-Family Program (AAF) has come and gone and we couldn't be happier with the results. Overall, AAF sponsors "adopted" almost 400 needy families with more than 1,000 children this year, which is 48% increase compared to last year! An incredible feat that we owe in a large part to a very generous and caring group of dedicated employees from Redondo Beach-based Northrop Grumman Corporation. Many other groups such as Sparkletts Water and Toyo Volunteers of Koreatown, gave of their time to this worthwhile cause. Below are some memorable AAF moments. Enjoy!



Upcoming Events	
Valentine's Day Rummage Sale at TL Headquarters 	Feb 11
President's Day— TL Headquarters Closed 	Feb 15
Friends Serving Friends- Homeless Feed	Feb 20
City of L.A. Marathon 	Mar 21
Toy Loan's 75th Anniversary Appreciation Breakfast	Apr 8
Volunteer of the Year Luncheon	Apr 12
	

We Want To Hear From You!

If you have topics of interest for publication in this newsletter, please contact us at (213) 744-4344 or via email at toyloan@dpss.lacounty.gov