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Living Springs with Sparks of Love Brings Christmas Joy to Lake L.A. Children

By Sharon Toyne

Every Wednesday morning at Living Springs, Lake Los Angeles Foursquare Church, the Food Ministry volunteers fill boxes and baskets to help feed needy individuals in the Lake L.A. area, including the senior citizens. However, on Wednesday, December 21st, they filled children's Christmas wishes at their annual "Living Springs Toy Giveaway."

Families with their little boys and girls, began lining up two hours before the 10 a.m. distribution started. They had signed up for their children to receive a gift earlier in the month. The children who stood outside, didn't seem to mind the crispy cold air, as they anxiously awaited to receive a gift. All were greeted with a friendly smile and a cheery "Merry Christmas" by the church workers. Pastors Al greeted the toy recipients as they entered the church facility.

Guided into the Fellowship Hall by one of the Helpers, the children immediately saw all of the presents which covered the floor around the Christmas tree. Each child one by one, received personal attention, while Deborah Howard and Allison Mura picked out a gift for them. The gifts were wrapped in bright red bags for each child according to age and gender.

"Our goal is to let every child know they are loved and very special. It is such a blessing to be able to bring joy and happiness to these little ones. You never know what kind of home life they are experiencing. Hopefully, for a little while, they can just feel that contentment and delight of being a kid. When you look at them, you can tell that they are very appreciative of the toys and candy they receive. Their gratitude doesn't have to be spoken; we can see it on their faces and in their smiles." said Pastor Sharon Toyne who had coordinated the event. Children clutched their toys tightly



Lake LA News photos by Sharon Toyne

as they exited the hall and were met by church workers who gave each child a candy-cane, a Bible-booklet, along with hot chocolate, and a large cookie to munch on.

Many commented on how happy and excited the children were as they received all of the goodies.

The Pastor of Living Springs, Al Toyne, continued by saying, "Part of our vision here, is to touch as many individuals for the kingdom of Heaven as possible, and through various means. In this case, our outreach to the children not only blessed them directly, but their parents indirectly. What a wonderful 'family atmosphere' was experienced (love, joy, sharing and caring) by everyone involved, and I am sure this brought great pleasure to our Heavenly Father." Sharon Toyne

continued, "There's an outpouring of love that comes when businesses and people do even more to make Christmas nice for the children. Our church family gets so excited about putting the Toy-Giveaway on each year. Many of the volunteers came and had fun separating the toys and labeling them by age and gender."

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Metro and Caltrans announce public meetings for the proposed 63-mile High Desert Corridor

Four community update meetings are scheduled Jan. 24, 26, 31 and Feb. 1 in the Antelope Valley and Victor Valley. The Victorville meeting on Jan. 31 is scheduled to be streamed live on metro.net/HDC, making the meeting available for viewing and accessible for online public participation.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) are hosting four community update meetings for the High Desert Corridor (HDC) project.

The proposed 63-mile corridor under study to link Antelope Valley with Victor Valley is currently in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR) preparation phase, which began in late 2010. The HDC project proposes construction of a new east-west freeway/ expressway linking State Route SR-14 in Los Angeles County with SR-18 in San Bernardino County.

Lake Los Angeles: Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012, 6 - 8 p.m., Twin Lakes Community Church, 17213 Lake Los Angeles Ave., Palmdale, CA 93591

Palmdale: Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, 6 - 8 p.m., Larry Chimbole Center, 38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

For those unable to attend a meeting in person, the Victorville meeting on Jan. 31 is scheduled to be streamed live on metro.net/HDC, making the meeting available for viewing and accessible for online public participation. Link directly at www.ustream.tv/channel/metro-high-desert-corridor

For additional background and information, a live webinar of a discussion on the status of the High Desert Corridor study presented Nov. 4 can be reviewed online at <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/18305407>.

Want to be a part of the next Lake Los Angeles Royal Court?

There is now open registration for the Miss, Teen Miss, Junior Miss, Young Miss and Little Miss Lake Los Angeles 2012 Pageants!

All applications must be filed by February 11, 2012. For more information call Janet Morris - 264-2631 or 435-3147. Or Laura Pinion 839-5465



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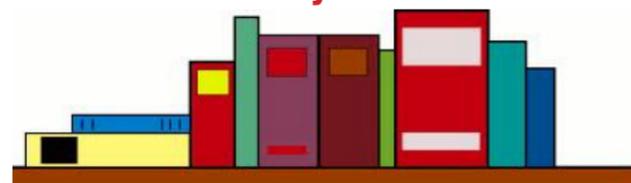
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