

Gift Drive Chronology:

- Nov. 6, Volunteer informational Meeting
- Nov. 12, Gift Drive open house
- Dec. 4, Gift Drive deadline
- Dec. 16, gift distribution at Fred Jordan Mission



Last year's bountiful gift drive filled the plaza with toys and gifts for Skid Row children.

Holiday Gift Drive Seeks 6,000 Gifts for Skid Row Kids

(Nov. 2, 2001) With the holidays are just around the corner, it's time to start working on the 6th annual holiday Gift Giving Drive for the Fred Jordan Mission for Skid Row Kids. This year's goal: 6,000 gifts.

Last year, generous employees donated some 4,000 unwrapped gifts that included blankets, toy cars and dolls, games, pencils and paper, stuffed animals, footballs, soccer balls and basketballs, rain gear, back packs and even canned goods.

"Every year since the Gift Drive began in 1996, generous employees have given more and more gifts," says Bessie Rush-Johnson, Gift Giving Task Force coordinator. "It's a big goal – 6,000 gifts – but I'm sure we'll meet it again this year!"

The Task Force will conduct an informational meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. in the Olympic Conference Room, 14th floor, for employees who would like to be involved with the Gift Drive. For more information, contact Rush-Johnson at 922-2629.

Headquarters employees can pick up holiday gift tags beginning Monday, Nov. 12, during an open house in the Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department, 14th floor. The Gift Giving Task Force will host an information table in the 3rd floor lobby from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., from Tuesday, Nov. 13, to Friday, Nov. 16.

Gift Drive coordinators will visit MTA operating divisions that don't conduct their own toy drives beginning Nov. 19 to distribute gift tags. The gift tags must be attached to the unwrapped gifts, which should be delivered to coordinators by 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The gifts will be delivered to the Fred Jordan Mission on Friday, Dec. 7, at 10:30 a.m. MTA employees and family members over 16 years of age will help distribute the gifts to kids at the Mission on Sunday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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