



**First Customer** - CEO Roger Snoble sets the holiday pace cheered on by Gift Giving Committee Chair Bessie Rush-Johnson, left, and committee members, from left, Kathleen Johnson, Valarie Harrison, Diane Dominguez, Dotti Kesinger, Georgiga Miller and Ernestine Nettles. Nearly 30 employees have volunteered to staff the gift drive program.

### **Gift Giving Committee Launches MTA's 6th Annual Holiday Gift Drive for the Fred Jordan Mission for Skid Row Kids**



Bessie Rush-Johnson collects commitment from CEO Roger Snoble,



Followed by HR DEO Naomi Nightingale, EO's Phil Waldeman and Procurement's Fe Alcid-Little,

(Nov. 13, 2001) CEO Roger Snoble set the pace as the first customer to sign up for a gift ticket at an open house hosted by the Gift Giving Committee on Monday. The CEO's signature on the festive red holiday bell card meant a cheerful gift or two for some happy child will be delivered to the Fred Jordan Mission for distribution on Dec. 16. Off to a good start, the sign-in sheet began to fill quickly with more cheer from early arrivals. With cookies and punch to cheer us on, the committee signed up a record 360 gift-givers on the first day. "That's double the amount from last year," said committee chair Bessie Rush-Johnson, who hopes the early returns will translate into more than 6,000 gifts for the children under the Mission's wings. Employees are invited to share in the cheer while enjoying a cookie or two at the festive gift-giving table set up in the entrance to the cafeteria at noontime during this entire week. --Story and photos by GAYLE ANDERSON.

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...and Public Relations Director Marc Littman and Admin EO Carolyn Flowers, and



... Transit Operation's Valarie Harrison and Facilities Services Tech Donald Williams.

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**Where to Sign-Up:** Div. 18 Bus Operator Michael Broussard and Elizabeth Silva of Finance are among nearly 30 volunteers to staff the program.