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**Bessie Rush-Johnson**

### **Bessie Rush-Johnson Honored for Charity Work**

(Nov. 16, 2001) Bessie Rush-Johnson, who has served as chair of the MTA's annual Gift Giving Drive since its inception in 1995, was honored, Nov. 15, at a National Philanthropy Day in Los Angeles luncheon.

Rush-Johnson was one of nine "philanthropists" selected for their work on behalf of the Fred Jordan Missions. The luncheon at the Beverly Hills Hotel honored volunteers who have performed charitable work on behalf of a number of community organizations.

Among other community work, Rush-Johnson raises money and collects donations of toys and clothing for children who live in group homes. She also has been a member of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses for the past seven years and is in the first year of a two-year term on the organization's executive committee.

Last year, MTA employees donated some 4,000 gifts to the Fred Jordan Mission for Skid Row Kids. This year's goal is 6,000 gifts. Some 700 gift tags have been distributed to employees for the annual drive.

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