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**Central City Division Throws Annual Halloween Party for Para Los Niños Kids**

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(Nov. 5, 2002) More than 100 kids dressed in scary costumes visited Central City Division 1, last Thursday, for the division's traditional Halloween party. Sully, the big blue Monster from Monster's Inc., Sponge Bob Square Pants and other characters helped hand out candy, juice, and ice cream to the children. The children were from Para Los Niños, a nonprofit family service agency. "They enjoyed it a lot," said Sonja Owens, Central City division transportation manager. "It was more than a success, because we didn't expect as many kids as there were." Division employees Yolanda Aguilar, Patricia Bryant, Dorrene Cuomo, Hilda Jimenez, Marco Castenada, Julie Alvarado, Irma Mosley and Connie Velasco formed a committee to organize fundraisers to raise money for the refreshments and candy. The Halloween party for homeless kids has been a Central City Division tradition for the past four years, with the exception of last year when the party was not held because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.



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Para Los Niños, founded in 1980, is a nonprofit family service agency designed to raise at-risk children out of poverty and into brighter futures through positive educational opportunities and support involving families and communities. For more information, visit their web site at [www.paralosninos.org](http://www.paralosninos.org)