

The Gift that Keeps on Giving

- **Holiday Gift Drive Seeks 8,000 Gifts for Skid Row Kids**

- **Mark your calendar:** Deliver gifts to coordinators on 14th floor of Gateway building by Thursday, Dec. 12, at 12:30 p.m.

[Gift Drive Chronology](#)

(Nov. 6, 2002) With the holidays are just around the corner, it's time to start working on the 7th annual holiday Gift Giving Drive for the Fred Jordan Mission for Skid Row Kids. This year's goal: 8,000 gifts.

"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 – 8,000 gifts – and we'll continue to raise the stakes!"

The Task Force will conduct an informational meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. in the Los Feliz Conference Room, 13th 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. 18, during an open house in the Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department, 13th 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. 19, to Friday, Nov. 22.

The Task Force seeks donations of unwrapped gifts that can include an abundance of suitable items such as blankets, toy cars and dolls, games, pencils and paper, stuffed animals, footballs, soccer balls and basketballs, rain gear, back packs and even canned goods.

Gift Drive coordinators will visit MTA operating divisions that don't conduct their own toy drives beginning Nov. 25 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., Thursday, Dec. 12.

The gifts will be delivered to the Fred Jordan Mission on Friday, Dec. 13, 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. 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Fred Jordan Mission Director Willie Jordan expresses appreciation to Santa Claus for the 2001 MTA gift drive that filled the plaza with toys and gifts for Skid Row children.

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- Nov. 18: Gift Drive open house
- Dec. 12: Gift Drive deadline
- Dec. 22: Gift distribution at Fred Jordan

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