

BOCC Gets Into the Holiday Spirit of Giving

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(Dec. 11, 2002) The employees in the Bus Operations Control Center are showing their holiday spirit by holding their third annual holiday food and toy drive for The Midnight Mission.

The Midnight Mission is a homeless shelter on Skid Row that helps needy families get back on their feet as well as provide them food, shelter, clothing and health care.

The donation barrels for the food and toy drive were put out following the Thanksgiving Holiday.

"Every year our holiday food and toy drive has gotten more and more successful," says BOCC manager Ellis Kyles, the man responsible for the effort. "This year we have collaborated with everyone in the Westside/Central sector in hopes of a larger turnout."

So far, most of the donations have been food, canned goods, and non-perishable packaged items.

"We are not trying to compete with the other holiday efforts in the building," says Kyles. "We don't get contributions from everyone, but whatever we receive we're am grateful for because we know whoever receives the donation will be grateful, too."

The Midnight Mission serves about 2,500 to 3,000 needy guests on Christmas Day.

"We felt that that we would be able to contribute more with getting everyone in the department involved than just doing this individually," he says. "It's nice to just doing something for someone else for the holidays."

The drive will last though Dec. 12. For anyone that would like Information about the holiday collection, contact Ellis Kyles (213) 922-4629.

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Holiday Spirit - Manpower Planning Transit Operations Supervisor James Woodson, left, and BOCC Manager Ellis Kyles collect gifts for BOCC's third annual holiday drive for the Midnight Mission.