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CEO Roger Snoble picks up "gift giving tag" from task force coordinator Bessie Rush-Johnson to launch ninth annual gift drive for the Fred Jordan Mission for Skid Row Kids program.



## 9th Gift Giving Drive Seeks 9,000 Gifts for Skid Row Kids

• [Volunteers staff the Gift Giving task Force](#)

(Nov. 16, 2004) This year will mark Metro's 9th annual Holiday Gift Giving Drive for the Fred Jordan Mission for Skid Row Kids and coordinators are setting an ambitious goal by asking employees and their families to donate 9,000 gifts to the charity.

"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.

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 Wednesday, Nov. 17, to Friday, Nov. 19.

Gift givers receive colorful reminder that gifts are due Dec. 9.

The Task Force seeks donations of new 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. 22, 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. 9.

The gifts will be delivered to the Fred Jordan Mission on Friday, Dec. 10, at 10 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. 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 pm.

Volunteers staff the Gift Giving Task Force. This year the members are, from left, Linda Perryman, Phillip Waldman, Jackie Davidson, Gracie Alvarado, Barbara McDowell, Bessie Rush-Johnson, Keith Compton, Joan Chu, Mary Talbert and Yanira Rivera. Not pictured: Deborah Bishop, Liza Bates, Rose Ann Sanchez, Jeanne Kinsel, and Juanita Wright.



### Gift Drive Chronology:

- Dec. 9, Gift Drive deadline
- Dec. 10, Deliver gifts to the Fred Jordan Mission
- Dec. 19, Gift distribution at the Mission