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'Tis the season: Metro's ninth year to participate in the annual toy drive for Skid Row kids paints a holiday scene in Patasouras Plaza.



## Employees Donate 4,000 Toys to Fred Jordan Mission

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(Dec. 10, 2004) Dolls, teddy bears, fire trucks – a new bicycle – some 4,000 toys were donated to the Fred Jordan Mission by Metro employees. Even the kids at the Child Care Center pitched in.

Led by coordinator Bessie Rush-Johnson and the Diversity and Economic Opportunity staff, it was Metro's ninth year to participate in the annual toy drive for Skid Row kids.

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"We outdid ourselves again this year," Rush-Johnson said of the generosity of employees at Metro Headquarters, the Regional Rebuild Center and the operating divisions.

Noting that it is the Mission's 60th year of service to the poor of Los Angeles, Executive Vice President Tom Jordan said, "Thanks to caring friends like Metro employees, our



Santa helps load gifts on waiting buses.

partnership has been incredible. Metro is one of the top organizations that is giving back to the community."

CEO Roger Snoble thanked Rush-Johnson and the D&EO staff for their hard work, adding, "I'm very proud of the relationship we have with the Fred Jordan Missions. It's a great partnership and we look forward to continuing it for a long time to come."



Coordinator Bessie Rush-Johnson with Fred Jordan Mission executive, Tom Jordan.

Toys collected at Metro and other organizations will be distributed to the Skid Row kids on Sunday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon and from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Mission.

As many as 10,000 children and their mothers are expected to receive gifts. Jordan says each child will receive two or three new toys and a new blanket. The mothers will receive bags with food for two to three days.

Metro employees and family members 16 years of age and older are welcome to participate in the toy distribution. Last year, some 75 employees participated, Jordan said.



CEO Roger Snoble, with children from the Child Care Center, sparks the holiday spirit at annual gift-giving presentation.

**Metro Choir begins musical rounds of holiday carols.**



We know it's the holidays when the Metro Choir begins to fill the Gateway halls with traditional music. The choir made their first musical appearance at today's gift-giving drive for Skid Row kids. The Metro Choir begins the annual caroling rounds Dec. 13 and will make appearances through Dec. 22. Gather around the elevator next week for a medley of your favorite carols. [Click here](#) for a schedule. (PDF)

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