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## Division 18 Staff Sets Fundraiser for Cancer Society, Katrina Relief

- Dance party proceeds will go to the causes

By RICH MORALLO

(Nov. 4, 2005) Metro staff, families, guests and the public will enjoy an evening of music and dancing to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts on Saturday, Nov. 12.

"We're organizing a DJ dance party with the proceeds going to these two good causes and everyone is welcome" said Cheryl Brown, an assistant transportation manager at Carson Division 18.

The fundraiser will be held at ZITA Italian Trattoria and Bar located at 825 James M Wood Blvd (West 9th Street), one block north of the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles.

"There will be dancing to a mix of Soul, R&B and Oldies music, and authentic Italian appetizers will be served," said Brown. The event will be held from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and the tickets cost \$20.

"The funds will go toward buying toys for the children of evacuee families that have had to relocate to Los Angeles," said Brown.

### Cash and sick time donations

Over the past two months South Bay staff members from both Carson Division and Arthur Winston Division 5 have donated cash and sick time hours for families who have fled the New Orleans area in the aftermath of the hurricanes.

"One Carson Division staff member gave \$500 and another donated 200 hours," said operator Tonya Isaac.

Isaac said other staff members plan to support the evacuees with cooked meals at the Dream Center in Los Angeles, where some families reside.

Rochelle Wilson, a service attendant at Division 5, hosted a bake sale. "I wasn't able to travel to New Orleans to help so I sold brownies and cakes to raise funds for the evacuees."



"Additionally, with the DJ dance party we want to celebrate our health and lives of those close to us who have been affected by cancer," Brown said. The idea of hosting the dance party came after talking to close friends with family members who have faced cancer.

For more information, contact Brown at 310-780-8212.

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