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Metro Volunteers Staffed Information Booth at LA Marathon

By RICH MORALLO

(March 22, 2006) Barbara Trigg was busy answering questions about Metro services.

An hour into her volunteer shift last Saturday morning at the Los Angeles Marathon Expo in the LA Convention Center, Trigg was definitely occupied with people walking up to the Metro table.



Volunteers Barbara Trigg (left) and Sherie Ayers helped staff the Metro booth during the LA Marathon. Photo by Rich Morallo.

"There were so many people that morning. The most-asked question that day was if they could ride Metro for free," said Trigg, an Employment and Compensation records clerk.

A member of the Metro Volunteers, Trigg, who is confined to a wheel chair, is willing to help promote Metro Bus and Metro Train at weekend community events even if she has to travel.

"I ride with Access Services anywhere in the county," said Trigg, who relies on the same service to go to Dodger games.

Worked in shifts

Volunteers from the Division Ambassador Committee (DAC) worked in shifts at the busy center where thousands of marathoners registered for the race. They included Carl Johnson and Richelle Rayford from Carson Division 18, Ida Brown of Arthur Winston Division 5, and Rose Marie Ordenes and Dyana Elorriaga of Metro Rail.

"It's important to reach out to the community so the agency can encourage people to take Metro," said Security Assistant Laura Mendoza.

She, partner Desiree Castro, and another Transit Services Bureau team of Arthur Rubenstein and Ericka Rodriguez-Juarez also worked at the Metro booth. The law enforcement members provided system maps, bus and train schedules, coloring books with safety tips, and pencils to race participants and their families.

Metro Volunteers coordinator Kathy Lo praised the DAC volunteers, the law enforcement members and Metro staffers Felix Landaverde, Frank Clarke, Jess Godinez, Sherie Ayers, Maria Diaz and Elvira Broida-Shirk who gave up part of their weekend to help.

"We distributed more than a thousand Metro maps and materials," said Lo. "We need a bigger booth next year."

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