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A 'Joyous Noise' to Celebrate the Holidays

(Dec. 22, 2006) "Jingle Bells," "Walking in the Winter Wonderland," "Angels We Have Heard on High" and other songs – along with season's greetings – rang through the halls of the Metro Headquarters building, Friday, as employees prepared for a long holiday weekend.

From the cafeteria, with its crowded tables, to the Plaza lobby, where employees gathered to hear the Metro Choir, Friday morning was spent in celebration. The Metro Cafeteria served more than 1,000 meals.

Santa, who took three forms during the morning, greeted children "of all ages" who posed for photos with the jolly ol' elf. Dominating it all was a 30-foot fully decorated tree.

Jennifer Salamanca of Public Relations coordinated Friday's event, along with committee members and volunteers Irma Rivera, Danielle Boutier, Fran Curbello, Bibi Ramirez, Anna Mercaldi, Sarah Winfrey, Laura Almeda and Jacqueline Martinez.

Photo by Joe Heard



At the foot of the holiday tree, the Metro Choir – led by Renee Willis – performed a concert of seasonal songs and carols.



Santa's little helper, Tess Fitzpatrick, dons antlers for the holiday breakfast. The Metro Cafeteria served more than 1,000 meals.

Photo: Ned Racine

The men in the red suits with white beards were Dan Colonello, Rob Hartert and Cedric Collins. Ruben Ramirez provided the karaoke equipment.

Mary Ann Garcia gets into the holiday spirit by participating in the karaoke contest.

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