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The volunteer appreciation breakfast on Nov. 6 recognized more than 100 Metro volunteers. *Photos by Ned Racine*

Appreciation Breakfast Thanks Metro Volunteers for Spreading Metro Message

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By NED RACINE, Editor

(Nov. 12, 2008) Praised by CEO Roger Snoble and Chief Operations Officer Carolyn Flowers, over 100 Metro volunteers were acknowledged for their work enhancing the agency's image during a breakfast and awards ceremony Nov. 6.



Marilin Archie, herself a Metro Volunteer, sang for the Metro volunteers in the Board Room on Nov. 6

Flowers noted that in the last year, Metro Volunteers have reached out to 275,000 county residents at 60 different community functions. Eighty-five Metro volunteers, both within and without the agency, received gifts of appreciation.

The morning event also acknowledged the 27 Metro Speaks' volunteers who have given presentations, who represent Metro through the increasing popular speakers bureau. Metro Speaks volunteers, drawn from every segment of the Metro family, gave 41 talks this year.

Helen Ortiz Gilstrap, who directs the Metro Speaks program, believes Metro Speaks presenters are often the first Metro employee

that some groups hear face-to-face.

"Not only do these experts talk about their role in Metro, they are also living, breathing advocates for public transportation," Gilstrap said. "Their dedication and commitment shines through."

Snoble, who is one of the Metro Speaks volunteers, complimented the Metro Speaks contributors for the variety of audiences they address: "Service clubs, professional organizations, and chambers of commerce, senior centers and neighborhood community groups. Your effort in communicating with these groups is also greatly appreciated."



Marc Littman and Reynard Price indicate the closeness of the Metro Speaks' volunteers.

"You go everywhere," Flowers told the Metro Volunteers in the audience, pointing out venues as diverse as the Los Angeles Marathon in downtown Los Angeles, 20 pit stops throughout the county during Bike to Work Day and the X-Games at the Carson Home Depot Center.

"It's hard to put a price on the value of the one-to-one contacts the Metro Volunteers make," said Rich Morallo. "Very often visitors to our information tables agree to try public transportation because of the enthusiastic presence of these volunteers."

"Of course their time is valuable for Metro, but the Metro Volunteers also enjoy what they do," said Morallo. "Come join us."

'Metro Speaks' Volunteers

Barbara Burns * Jaime Carrington * Marion Colston * Jack Gabig * Jennifer Gill * Raffi Hamparian * Chip Hazen * David Hershenson * Bill Hesser * Richard Hunt * Alex Kalamarcos * Mike Kalustian * Pauline Lee * Cris Liban * Tim Lindholm * Richard Lucas * Scott McConnell * Dennis Mori * Krishniah Murthy * Tim Papandreou * Raynard Price * Michelle Smith * Elizabeth Streegen * Roger Snoble * Dave Sotero * David Yale

Metro Volunteers

Oscar Ayala * Ananda Arachchige * Lt. Jenny Bethune * Wajeha Bilal * Roz Brown * Rey Couts * Inez Duarte * Lilian Ford * Regina Howard * Fred Origel * Jessica Gil * Reynard Price * Kathy Drayton * Marco Garcia * Julio Nunez * Becky Quinteros * Patrick Pendilla * Elizabeth Streegan * Tej Kharbanda * Henry Wielandt * Tess Fitzpatrick * Yvonne Price * Sergio Ibarra * Elizabeth Palacios * Belford Gaines * Robert Vasquez * Marie Alamilla * Robert Mills * Virgina Ward * Claire Fitzgerald * Caroline Howard * Edith Goff-Youngblood * Eugene Villacorta * Evelina Del Castillo * William Moore * Joanne Harper * Norman Ward * Ryan Milanio * Sherie Ayers * Doris Brown * Deputy Albert Calibet * Alonzo Williams * Gail Harvey * Marie Tervalon * Jacqueline Exeart * Anthony Lawson * Kymberleigh Richards * Letty Lawenko * Sal Buenrostro * Veronica Hargrove * Jerard Wright * Jose Melendez * Gail Harvey * Loretta Ferem * Tony Banash * Marilin Archie * Crystal Fairley * Wally Shidler * Dan Colonello * Fe Alcid-Little * Mel Mills * Arlene Mills * Crystal Crockett * Harold Brown * Debbie Brown * Pheel Wang * Richard Yaussi * Behzad Yassan * John Zeigler * Berthania Caswell * Elizabeth Palacios * Jennifer Victorin * Jodi

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