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Metro's 13th Annual Holiday Gift-Giving Drive Begins Monday

- Metro hopes to send 5,000 gifts to Fred Jordan Mission

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(Nov. 20, 2008) The road to smiles on the faces of thousands of often overlooked children begins Nov. 24 with the start of Metro's 13th annual gift-giving drive for the Fred Jordan Mission for Skid Row Kids.

To celebrate the annual launch of the event, gift tags will be distributed Nov. 24 and Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the 3rd floor lobby. Light refreshments will be served.

Additional tag distribution days have been added for Dec. 1 and Dec. 2.

Gift tags also will be available for employees at the Metro Support Services Center (MSSC) and at participating divisions. Gift-giving drive coordinators at each location will have information about the toy drive. Jim Montoya is the contact at the MSSC and other divisions. Amador Silva is the contact at the Rail Operations Center and the Rail Divisions.

In addition to toys, donations of new unwrapped gifts can include blankets, games, backpacks, pencils and paper, soccer balls, basketballs, rain gear and even canned goods.

The success of the 13th annual event depends on the number of Metro employees who donate an unwrapped toy. Organizers have a goal of distributing gifts to 5,000 children this year, including more gifts for middle-school children.

Metro will present the collected gifts to the Fred Jordan Mission on Dec. 15 in the Metro Headquarters plaza.

Employees can drop off the gifts Dec. 1 through Dec. 11 (no later than 4 p.m. on the last day) at the Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department on the 13th floor.

Volunteers are needed to help with distribution of toys, Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Fred Jordan Mission. In prior years, toys and food bags were prepared for up to 10,000 children and their parents.

For more information, contact Barbara Thomasson at 922-4526.



Sign up starting Monday: Gift tags come with instructions.

