Safety Award

From left: Dr. Jeffrey W. Runge, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Patricia Mora-Rey, California Office of Traffic Safety Regional Coordinator, Los Angeles; Amelia Medina, Senior Project Coordinator, OTS Program; Manet Milner, Asst. Chief Grants Administrator; and Christopher J. Murphy, Interim Director, California Office of Traffic Safety.

■ Community Development receives traffic safety award.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT. — The Los Angeles Community Development Department (CDD) received a statewide Achievement Award for "outstanding efforts and dedication toward a safer City of Los Angeles."

The award, from the California Office of Traffic and Safety (OTS), was presented at a special luncheon in San Diego May 4. It went to CDD's Human Services and Family Development Division, which designed a traffic safety program that reaches thousands of L.A. residents.

Through a state grant, the program, called the Traffic Safety Program for Community-Based Organizations, consists of traffic safety and child restraint education classes in low-income neighborhoods throughout the City. Some of the extraordinary achievements of the program include:

- Distribution of 6,000 child safety seats to needy families
- Distribution of 13,490 helmets to inner-city children
- Successful training of 20 community-based workers to become certified child passenger safety technicians during the life of the grant (2001–04).

The current program grant, which runs through December, also enables the City to assist specific community-based organizations, known as the Family Development Networks (FDNs), to partner with the LAPD, courts and/or hospitals to provide car seats and education and traffic safety education based on the unique needs identified at each FDN location.

Accepting the award during the OTS Summit in San Diego were Manet Milner and Amelia Medina from the Community Development Department. Medina, who works directly with schools and residents, said the award "underscored the importance of and need for the program" and noted that she has already applied for funding to continue the program.

The Club congratulates the Community Development Dept. on winning the award for its excellent programs.

Angela Estell, Community Development Information and Public Affairs Officer provided the information for this story.

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