



From left: Angela Bagmanian, Childcare Center Director; Greig Smith, 12th District Councilmember; Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager; Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer; and several children from the area cut the ribbon.

For the Kids In Mason Park

■ Rec and Parks opens pioneering childcare center in Chatsworth.

Story by Angela Bagmanian, Childcare Center Director; Photos courtesy Rec and Parks

REC AND PARKS — On Sept. 6, Rec and Parks dedicated a new Childcare Center at Mason Park in Chatsworth. The new facility is the 25th state licensed childcare center operated by the Department and is the first dual-licensed facility in the City that offers both a state-licensed preschool and an after-school program.

The 5,092-square-foot center features two large classrooms, a technology room and office space. The new facility also includes a "tween zone," a laundry room, a snack room and separate restrooms for children and staff/adults that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The new Childcare Center has a 4,733-square-foot children's play area with various "jungle gym" -type apparatuses.

The \$2.6 million project was designed by

Miralles and Associates and constructed by Tobo Construction, Inc. of North Hollywood. Public Works' Bureau of Engineering managed the project. Funding was provided by Proposition K and Rec and Parks General Fund.

The preschool program can accommodate up to 30 children and the after-school program up to 60 children. Within only a couple of weeks being open, the total enrollment is 40.

For more information, please call (818) 341-9439.



From left: Dianne Kartiala, Field Deputy, Council District 12; Debby Rolland, West Region Superintendent; and Wendy Wilkinson, District Supervisor.



From left: Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer; Ray Araujo, Civil Engineer Assoc. II; Greig Smith, 12th District Councilmember; Hamid Navid, Construction Manager; Neil Drucker, Prop-K Manager; and Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager.



Lana Aiwasian, Public Information, and Angela Bagmanian, Child Care Center Director.

You Can Help a Needy Child

Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFCU) and the Marine Corps are joining to bring the holiday spirit into the lives of less fortunate children.

Founded on the premise that "every child deserves a little joy for the holidays," the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program has been collecting and distributing toys to needy children since 1947.

The Credit Union participates in this cause by sponsoring a toy drive. The collected toys are given to Toys for Tots for distribution to children in the Los Angeles area.

What Can You Do?

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