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Motorcycle Toy Run

DWP cyclers deliver toys, donation to UCLA Harbor Hospital.



On Dec. 5, Santa and more than 200 riders took to their motorcycles and classic cars in the 7th annual Motorcycle Christmas Toy Run to support the Child Life Services. Many DWP employees helped organize the event and took part.

The group met at Catch 21 restaurant downtown. Toy Run founder Ray Reynoso and committee members Wisam Petch, Ralph Sanchez and Dave Mills received a Certificate of Recognition from Tom Labonge, Councilmember, Club Member, and Eric Garcetti, Council President, for their hard work and dedication for those in need during the holiday season. The awards were presented by Field Deputy Sharon Shapiro.

Traffic escort was provided by the LAPD, Port Police, the Sheriff's Dept. and members of the Sundowners M.C. S.F.V., as the riders followed Santa southbound on the Harbor Freeway en route to the hospital. Rows of motorcycles streamed down the freeway receiving supporting honks and thumbs up from passing drivers.

Upon arrival at the UCLA Harbor Hospital, the riders formed two lines at the parking lot that lead to the hospital entrance. Toys were then passed down from rider to rider as they unloaded four truckloads of toys. Children that were well enough were escorted outside by Melissa Hebron, Director of Child Life Services watched with widened eyes and bright smiles as the collection of toys at their feet kept getting bigger and bigger. These gifts are given to the children as Christmas presents. The remainder of the toys are used throughout the year for birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions. Aside from the donated toys, a cash donation of \$8,378 was presented to Ms. Hebron.

As part of the yearly tradition, one of the children selected a favorite motorcycle. The rider of the chosen motorcycle received a trophy and had the honor to take his bike inside the pediatric ward for the other children to view. Everyone was thrilled to see this magnificent Blue Road King Harley Davidson in the corridor and in their rooms. There were many smiles and bright eyes on the children faces when they received their presents from Santa Claus and his helpers.

The 8th annual Motorcycle Christmas Toy Run is scheduled for Dec. 4.

Special thanks and recognition for their generous contributions of items and proceeds go out to Wisam Petch for his donation of \$4,705 from T-shirt sales; Robert Larrios, City Employees Club of Los Angeles; PinPros hand crafted custom lapel pins; Philanthropy Realtors Society of Riders; Lift-It Manufacturing Co. Inc.; Sundowners M.C. SFV; Angel City Multimedia; Tanahara Design; Fama Printing; Dino's Pizza; LAPD; Port Police; and the Sheriff's Dept.

Last but not the least, thanks to the event volunteers: Michiko Murakami, Sal Ardon, Victoria Encinas, Mari Murakami, Norma Sanchez, Janel and Janet Petch, Yolanda Ramirez, Dave Morgan, Henry Blas, Buddy Shelley, Ron Wilson, Nancy Angel and Shirlene Mills.

Those interested in participating or supporting next year's Toy Run, or would like to offer new ideas, are welcome to contact Ray Reynoso at (562) 857-9888, Brad Ditzel (818) 251-0431, Ralph Sanchez (818) 400-0652 Dave Mills (661)-993-9631.



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