



West Valley Sanitation Yard charity drive contributors, from left: E. Duarte, Julio Cruz, Santos Duran, Paul Minette and Leonardo Guerra. Bottom: Miguel Lopez.

PUBLIC WORKS

# West Valley Generosity

**West Valley Sanitation Yard participates in holiday toy, food drives.**

*Information courtesy Brian Sibert, Public Works, Club Member, 24 years of City service*

The West Valley Sanitation Yard donated a large portion of toys and canned foods for a drive combined with the East Valley Yard and the LAFD. The successful drive was held during late December last year.

The food was delivered to the West Valley Food Bank at the Guadalupe Church by Marcus Chacon, RCTO.

The Club apologizes for not giving our good friends at the West Valley their due, and we congratulate all those who helped those in need and helped to make the drive a success.

COUNCIL

# Hike for Health

**Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, leads students in annual Hike for Health.**

*Story and photos courtesy the office of Councilman LaBonge*

Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member, and Rec and Parks present the eighth annual Hike for Health and the 2013 Get to Know event at Griffith Park May 9. The annual event introduces LAUSD students to the nature around them by bringing them to Los Angeles' largest park.

More than 300 LAUSD fifth-grade students from six elementary schools hiked with Councilmember LaBonge to the top of Mount Hollywood, where they met LAPD officers, see the Public Works/Sanitation Robot, and speak with Park Rangers. At the Greek Theater picnic

area in the "Get to Know" portion of the event, the students learned from nature and interactive booths from local nonprofits and City agencies, including: the Debs Park Nature Center, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Bureau of Land Management, Animal Services, National Forest Service, and Rec and Parks.

"The City of Los Angeles is proud to again be an event partner for the 2013 Get to Know Contest," said Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks, Club Member. "The Department of Recreation and Parks fully



supports the vision to connect, create, and celebrate helping to bring youth closer to nature. This year, in a joint effort with the National Recreation and Park Association, we will bring over 10 million kids outdoors."

Students from Kester Avenue, Kester Magnet, Van Ness Avenue, Valley View, and Wilshire Crest Elementary attended the event; the schools are located throughout

Councilmember LaBonge's Fourth District in Sherman Oaks, the mid-Wilshire area, and the Hollywood Hills.

"Griffith Park is the perfect Los Angeles location to teach our youths the power of open spaces and the benefits of fitness. I'm excited to help our local students get to know their great outdoors," Councilmember LaBonge said.



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