



# DIGEST

## CHARITABLE GIVING DRIVE OPENS THIS MONTH

Never has there been a time as challenging as today when so many of our community's citizens are struggling to meet their basic needs—struggling to make ends meet to survive in a time of government cuts and fiscal uncertainty. Never has there been such a need to reach out to our neighbors who truly need a helping hand.

Los Angeles County's Charitable Giving Campaign, kicking off April 11, is the perfect way to show that you care—to give to those in need of a helping hand to survive these rough times. With some 50 departments and 65,000 employees, Los Angeles County workers represent one of the largest and most resourceful employee giving groups in the Greater Los Angeles Area. This year's campaign chairman, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, leads an effort that will help fund hundreds of human-care agencies and programs throughout Los Angeles County.

Last year, County employees pledged almost 1.7 million in a combined drive with the Brotherhood Crusade and United Way/Aid with an overall participation rate of 44.2 percent. This year, the goal is to reach 60 percent participation of County employees.

Mr. Joe Wetzler, Chairperson, Coalition of Los Angeles County Unions, and Mr. V. C. "Bud" Mathis, Executive Secretary of Los Angeles County

Building and Construction Trades Council, will join Supervisor Antonovich as Labor Co-Chairmen of the campaign.

Los Angeles County employees' contributions go to a number of worthwhile programs. Both Brotherhood Crusade and United Way fund many programs made possible by our contributions.

One program funded by United Way is the Salvation Army Day Care Center, located in the Skid Row area of Downtown Los Angeles. Children of all races, creeds and colors converge upon the center daily to take part in a wide range of activities. They come not only because they need a place to be, but because they need a place to learn, to expand and to grow.

The agency enrolls children of working parents who otherwise have no place to stay under adult supervision

during daytime working hours, and the need is overwhelming: the facility presently serves some 120 children with a waiting list of over 300 families. An average wait to enroll a child can take anywhere from six months to two years.

For the children fortunate enough to be enrolled in the agency, the activity list offers unparalleled opportunities for physical, mental and social development. Balanced activity and rest periods, nutritional meals for breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks, art, music, language development, drama, block play and many other creative pursuits can all give the children an added edge on life, an advantage badly needed in the Los Angeles Skid Row area.

But Salvation Army Day Care Center, like most of United Way's agencies,

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*All types of activities abound at the Salvation Army Day Care Center, a United Way agency. Here children take a break from their fun on the playground to show what they think of their teacher. The agency provides a haven for children of working parents in the Skid Row area of Downtown Los Angeles.*

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Volunteers Anna Gonzales and Louie Castillo helping out at the hospital.

cannot do it alone. Programs such as this need your help and support through United Way contributions to help maintain — and possibly expand — badly-needed services.

To underline its commitment to help fund services in the community, United Way has added some 21 new agencies to its membership roster within the past two years. Agencies ranging from the Greater El Monte Girls Club to the Self Actualization Institute for the Deaf are now part of the United Way family — better serving their clients with the help of United Way funds.

United Way is volunteers. People like yourselves, who donate time or money to a cause that will help other people and that will help the community. Your support is badly needed to help keep programs like the Salvation Army Day Care Center operating.

Like United Way, Brotherhood Crusade assists many agencies. Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., President, recently announced that the theme of the organization's 1983 County drive will be "We're All in This Thing Together."

Commenting on the "shortage of human care dollars and government revenues," Bakewell said it produces a vacuum for philanthropical programs that affect us all.

Bakewell said he looks forward to a

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President of the Los Angeles County Foster Parents Association, Maxcine Knight, conducts a monthly meeting of the group. Training seminars are funded by the Brotherhood Crusade.

## County Helps Youth Explore Careers While They Help Others

Seeing professionals in action is inspiring many young people to pursue career goals. Helping others through volunteer work in a professional setting is an ideal way to explore career goals. The County provides that opportunity to many teenagers serving as volunteers in the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center: 280 in General Hospital, 45 in Psychiatric Hospital, 25 in Pediatric Pavilion and 25 in Women's Hospital.

The volunteers are students attending high schools in the area surrounding the Medical Center, according to Marjorie Harp, Director of Volunteer Programs at General Hospital.

Mostly Latino, 20% males, student volunteers donated 60,000 hours of service with a monthly total of 5,000 hours.

The volunteers belong to various youth programs at the Medical Center.

### *Health Career Junior Program*

High School students interested in a medical career are referred to the Medical Center by their High School career counselors. These students are trained by a registered nurse, and at the completion of their training program they are placed on a hospital ward.

These students perform duties such as feeding and transporting patients, passing drinking water, and running errands for hospital staff. All of these services are valuable; however, the most important contributions are the love and understanding which the student volunteer gives to the patients.

### *Junior Volunteer Health Career Club*

This program informs students regarding the many career opportunities available in the Medical Field. Students who are interested in medical careers join this group and attend meetings twice a month. At these meetings, health professionals such as doctors, nurses and technicians present information about their professions. The students have opportunities to ask questions and to gain insight into these pro-

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*Volunteer Sheldadine Clark cheers patient at County-USC General Hospital. She received a special \$250 scholarship award for her nursing studies at Los Angeles City College.*

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productive campaign, based on the generosity of County employees.

The Brotherhood Crusade was founded in 1968 by the late Walter Bremond and other local black leaders in order to raise funds for non-profit community agencies that had either been overlooked or ignored by traditional funding groups.

Since its inception the Brotherhood Crusade has assisted more than 500 human service agencies throughout Los Angeles County, such as the Los Angeles County-USC Task Force on Nutrition and Behavior, the Los Angeles County Fosterparent Association, Kedren Mental Health Center, Bridge Back Inc., Challengers Boys Club, Chicano

Day Care Center, Marcus Garvey School, the Compton Sickle Cell Education and Detection Center, and the Chinatown Senior Citizens Center.

An example of the type of service agency assisted through Crusade funding is the Challengers Boys Club.

"I started out with 12 boys in the back of my pickup truck," said Lou Dantzler, director of the Challengers center. "In the beginning no one wanted to help us. But the Brotherhood Crusade was one of the first to come forward to help us, and they gave us one of our first grants."

Today the club has its own building, located in the old Vons supermarket at 5029 South Vermont Ave., in Los Angeles, and conducts a referral service, arts and crafts, tutorial, and mini-bike programs.

Despite its name, Challengers Boys Club is not for boys only, but is a co-educational organization fulfilling the needs of youngsters and seniors.

## Retirees . . .

The following people have retired in recent months after more than thirty years of service to the County:

**Sheriff:** Douglas Campbell, Robert L. Owens, Dolores Joyce Swan, Barbara Terry, James Barrett, Roy Beattie, Jr., Gerald K. Enger, Hayden H. Finley, George Gorciak, Floyd Wm. Howard, Jr., Raymond Reid, Thomas J. Harnett.

**Fire:** Kenneth L. Hedges, Leonard J. Koehler, Milton A. Phelps, Gordon E. Rounds, Herbert H. Schisler, Jr., Alvin P. Eisner.

**General Hospital:** Bertha Bowen, Audrey Buckhalter, Santos Burgos, Berdie M. Cerile, Betty Justen.

**Road:** John P. Calderon, Wilbur C. McIntosh, Glen M. Thorne, Walter L. Bauders.

**Marshal:** Luis A. Montoya, Jack Samuels, Mario Uriarte.

**Health Services:** Bernard Weintraub, Jean M. Misner, Dorothy Landry.

**Engineer:** Robert A. Graham, Zell S. Van Myers, Jack R. Hibbs.

**Mechanical:** Fred Waldron, Robert A. Norton, Robert W. Tamplin.

**Public Social Services:** Gordon E. Johnson, Jessye Potts.

**County Clerk:** Robert J. Schwartz, Alex Dugally.

**Assessor:** Hideo Okanishi, Sidney T. Orlin.

Also: Fatters J. Augustine, Building Services; Gerald R. Crawford, Communications; Edith O. Direaux, Medical Center; Eloise Franklin, Olive View Hospital; Eiji Inouye, Flood Control; Charles A. Maple, Public Defender; James S. Mize, Board of Supervisors; Aldean C. Nichols, Parks and Recreation; Elias Powell, Superior Courts; Ralph Sutherland, Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital; Vernie M. Bishop, Probation.

The following have retired with over twenty-five years of County Service:

**Sheriff:** William R. Farrington, Harlan House, Alex C. Koehler, Louis C. Kosina, Amos Lewis, Richard Koenker, Henry Salazar, Garland D. Austin, Eugene Fines, Rowland P. Montgomery, Raymond E. Polly, Hosmig LaPenna, Brian R. Wroe, Sylvia P. Farrington, Franklin R. Oakden.

**Public Social Services:** Robert E. Lanning, Sidney Levinson, Jennie Palacios, Marvella Rodgers, Lawrence H. Scharps, Jr., Marian C. Sommer, Eddy M. White, Florence Wortham.

**Fire:** Gordon T. Brown, Gilmore E. Denham, Jack P. Hughett, Eugene W. Mushinskie, William F. O'Brien, Kenneth M. Abrams.

**Probation:** Arno H. Knuth, Shirley Walker, Lawrence Yonemura, David C. Torres.

**Weights and Measures:** Donald E. Barschig, Albert J. Pfeifer.

**Medical Center:** Robert Burns, Michiko Okada.

**District Attorney:** Faye Clark De Prad, Robert S. Corn.

## Employee Participation In U.S. Savings Bond Program Leaps Thirteen-Fold

The U.S. Treasury Department wanted to get a total of 8,000 new or increased allotments to U.S. Savings Bonds from county employees nationwide.

The goal for Los Angeles County was 6% participation. Despite the fact that our campaign was conducted in an extremely short and tight timeframe our participation rose thirteen-fold — from 1.0% prior to the campaign to an astounding 13.5%.

Through the leadership of Los Angeles County Campaign Chairman Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and Labor Co-Chairmen Mr. Joe Wetzler, Chairperson of the Coalition of County Unions; Mr. V. C. "Bud" Mathis, Business Representative of the Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council; Mr. Les Robbins, President of the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, this joint labor-management cooperative effort resulted in 8,104 new or increased allotments. Los Angeles County alone has exceeded the U.S. Treasury Department's goal for all counties in the nation!

This achievement was made possible by the efforts of hundreds of Los Angeles County employees in telling their fellow workers about this patriotic way to save and invest in our country's future.

A five category awards program is scheduled for the Board agenda of May 3.

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**Harbor General Hospital:** Charles K. Hayase, Mary Lou Shannon.

**General Hospital:** Dorothy T. King, William R. Short.

**Public Library:** Margaret C. McKnight, Louise H. Reynolds.

**Mechanical:** John E. Romanick, James W. Vaught.

**Health Services:** Russell L. Tabor, Jack R. Tillery.

Also: Jack L. Moore, Marshal; Pete G. Forte, Flood Control; Clara S. Holtzclaw, Adoptions; Helen F. Russell, Olive View Hospital; Joe M. Sa'as, Parks and Recreation; Cecil E. Taylor, Road; George J. Webb, Building Services; Wil'iam T. Bain, Medical Support Services; Richard H. Wilson, Chief Medical Examiner Coroner; Charles D. Landre, SCAQMD.

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fessions. This organization is instrumental in informing students so that they can make better decisions in choosing their life's work.

### *Craft Club*

A group of interested students meets several times a month and use their artistic skills to decorate the hospital wards for holidays, make decorations for many staff social functions, make Easter baskets, and many other projects. The activities of this group add an atmosphere of color and caring to the General Hospital.

### *Clown Corps*

The youth of the American Red Cross and the Health Career Juniors of General Hospital have formed a Clown Corps to entertain patients, serve at special hospital events, and attend special functions in the community. The clowns have entertained at the Exceptional Games for the American Red Cross and at the Cardinal and Blue Baseball Game. The volunteers provide their own costumes, and each volunteer attends a seminar on face painting. The clowns are G-R-E-A-T !

### *Regional Occupational Program*

The Nursing Assistant Program prepares students to function effectively as members of a health care team in giving basic nursing care. It emphasizes an orientation to Nursing, the fundamentals of patient care, nursing skills, communications, disease, organisms, basic anatomy and physiology, nutrition, and preparation for employment. The course includes theory and clinical experiences in cooperation with Los Angeles County Medical Center which provides the clinical experiences for the classes. At present, there are two daily Regional Occupational Program classes (Monday through Thursday), and three Saturday classes which consist of 85 students. At the conclusion of this program, the students who qualify receive a Nursing Attendant certificate.