

Celebration 2011: Foster and Probation Youth Pursuing a Path to Independence Honored for Academic Achievement

It was a magical evening as 183 young adults proudly took center stage at the Walt Disney Concert Hall to celebrate their academic success as part of the 22nd annual “Celebration 2011.” Mayor Michael D. Antonovich, (*pictured top right*), DCFS Acting Director, Dr. Jackie Contreras, noted film director Salim Akil (“Jumping the Broom”) and TV producer and writer Mara Akil (“Girlfriends” and “The Game”) all had touching personal messages for the graduates. Emcee Mario Lopez, (*pictured bottom right*) from “EXTRA” was hounded for autographs by star-struck graduates. Hundreds of friends, foster parents and family members screamed and applauded with glee as each student was introduced.

The night represented a significant milestone in the lives of the graduates - an occasion marked by academic achievement and triumph over adversity.

More than \$700,000 in scholarships were awarded to the youth by a variety of corporations and non-profit organizations. DCFS, the County of Los Angeles Probation Department, The Teague Family Foundation and United Friends of the Children made this a most memorable event that the youth, their families, caregivers, donors, and staff will fondly remember for years to come.

Every graduate had their own unique story to tell of how they achieved success on their own terms.

Carla Vance, diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma Disease in 2010, was determined not to let the cancer destroy her hopes and dreams. For the next 10 months, she carried on with her studies at home, while dealing with the adverse effects of chemotherapy. Miraculously, Carla ranked seventh in her class, achieving a 3.73 cumulative grade point average. She talks with other cancer patients, inspiring them with her



own perseverance. “I look forward to the day I can call myself an official cancer survivor,” says Carla. She wants to develop an internet cancer support system to minimize trauma for cancer patients. Carla plans to participate in the DCFS Independent Living Program, supporting her transition out of foster care, while making her dream of attending Cal Poly Pomona to study Political Science a reality.

Last year, **Amaris Olguin** walked to Bell’s police station at 3 a.m. and told officers about her abusive stepfather. Her path has not been easy; her parents divorced when she was eight; her father was unable to care for her and her mother was dependent on others, while neglecting her. Amaris has always known that her education would enable her to take control of her life. “Nothing deters me,” says Amaris.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Los Angeles County Museum of Art
5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 90036
(323) 857-6000

www.lacma.org

Through July 24 – David Smith: Cubes and Anarchy
Through July 31 – The Mourners: Tomb Sculptures from the Court of Burgundy
Through October 31 – Tim Burton
Through September 5 – Gifts of the Sultan: The Art of Giving at the Islamic Courts
November 20 – February 26, 2012 – Contested Visions in the Spanish Colonial World

Center Theatre Group

www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre

Through July 31 – Les Misérables
October 30 – December 10 – Bring It On, The Musical

Mark Taper Forum

September 7 – October 16 – Poor Behavior
November 2 – December 18 – Vigil

Kirk Douglas Theatre

July 30 – August 28 – THIS

Los Angeles Opera

(performances in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion)

www.losangelesopera.com

September 17 – October 9 – Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*
September 18 – October 8 – Mozart's *Così fan tutte*
November 6 – 26 – Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette*
February 11, 2012 – March 4, 2012 – Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*
February 25, 2012 – March 17, 2012 – Britten's *Albert Herring*
May 12, 2012 – June 2, 2012 – Puccini's *La Bohème*

Kodak Theater

Opens July 21 – Cirque du Soleil: IRIS

Natural History Museum

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“I choose my path, the future I want, and even when the road is challenging, I never lose hope.” For most of high school, she attended the James Monroe Law and Government School, getting up at 4:30 a.m. each morning to make the two-hour, forty-mile bus ride. Since the 8th grade she has enjoyed a singular passion for the study of law. She interned at Mayer Brown, an international law firm, was an active volunteer for the Obama presidential campaign and performs community service through her involvement in her school’s Key Club and Interact. This fall, Amaris will be attending Yale University. Amaris imagines herself working in city government, perhaps as a city council member. Whatever she chooses, her inquisitiveness and perseverance will undoubtedly help her achieve success.

Monica Bank’s journey to this point in time has involved a great deal of self-examination. When her mother succumbed to liver cancer, Monica assumed responsibility for her younger brother. When she was placed with an African-American family in Compton, Monica struggled in finding her own ethnic and cultural identity. She is African-American on her father’s side and Chinese and Japanese on her mother’s side. Discouraged over acclimating to new schools, she decided she wanted to attend the School for Advanced Studies at John Marshall High School. For the past four years she has navigated a daily four-hour, eight bus commute in pursuit of academic excellence. Monica Bank’s 4.09 cumulative grade



point average and drive for scholastic achievement has earned her acceptance into UC Berkeley this fall where she will study molecular biology and biochemistry. Monica acknowledges that her “past and relentless struggle to achieve my goals are what makes me unique, allowing me to transcend any hardships and recognize adversity not as a hindrance, but as a way of building the willpower I need to succeed.”

There are countless other stories such as these in which foster and probation youth have persevered and achieved academic and personal success despite the many obstacles they have faced. Having been subjected to foster care rules and regulations, they are determined to achieve independence and success on their own terms, and positively change the lives of others while doing so.

Countywide Fitness Challenge

On Saturday, July 9, 2011, the Countywide Fitness Challenge held its second annual “Stop and Smell the Flowers!” event at the Sylmar Farmers’ Market at Mission College. County employees and their families were treated to free healthy cooking demonstrations, fitness walks, and lots of great giveaways. Mission College Culinary Arts Academy’s Executive Sous Chef, Jesse Sanchez, created a “Tangy Heaven Salad” made with fresh seasonal vegetables and a blend of spices that exploded with flavor. Missed it? Want the recipe? You can get the recipe for this healthy salad along with other delicious recipes for your family online at <http://dhr.lacounty.info> and click on Countywide Fitness Challenge - look for the “Chef Jesse Recipes” link.

The Countywide Fitness Challenge is designed to increase health awareness and to assist employees and their families in making healthier lifestyle choices. There are five more Fitness Challenge events scheduled through October 8, 2011. Families are welcome, so join us at the next event on July 23, 2011, as “Stop and Smell the Flowers!” visits the Torrance Certified Farmers’ Market at Wilson Park. Please check out *page 5* for a listing of all Countywide Fitness Challenge events scheduled this year.



An Evening of Independence

By Koffeehouse Music Productions, LLC
Sunday, August 21, 8 p.m., Ford Amphitheatre



In an increasingly competitive music industry, Koffeehouse's 5th Annual "An Evening of Independence" plays a vital role in fostering and encouraging the vision, motivation and spirit of independent musical talent. The annual festival draws both well-known artists and special guests. Past performers included 2011 Grammy winner Jon Foreman of Switchfoot, Vertical Horizon frontman Matt Scannell, Sixpence None the Richer, A Fine Frenzy, Ryan Star, Tyrone Wells, Katharine McPhee and Jon McLaughlin. But Koffeehouse also aims to present the best of today's new talent. Come listen and discover your next favorite artist.

Annual "Fun in the Sun Chili Cook-Off"

Sponsored by the Sheriff's Department, this event will be held on Saturday, October 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jack Bones Equestrian Center in Castaic. More than 25 food booths including chili competitors will highlight the event which includes live bands, crafts, displays, demonstrations and an expanded Kids' Zone featuring games, a jump house, dunk tank, giant slide, petting zoo and animal adoptions from the Castaic Animal Shelter. The event will benefit Santa Clarita Special Olympics, Fueled by the Fallen and the Police Unity Tour. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, and kids under six are admitted free. Please contact (661) 294-6309 for more information.

LACERA Elections

General Members are encouraged to vote in the upcoming LACERA elections for the Second Member, Board of Investments and Second Member, Board of Retirement. The elections will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

Ballots must be received by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. The Board of Supervisors will certify the election results at its meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

For more information or to read the Candidate's Statements of Qualifications, you may visit the Board of Supervisors' LACERA Election Information web page at http://bos.co.la.ca.us/lacera_election.htm or you may contact your Departmental Election Coordinator.

Beaches and Harbors Launches Twitter Site and RSS Feeds



The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors announced that it has launched a Twitter site for instant alerts, advisories and notifications regarding Los Angeles County beaches and Marina del Rey at <http://twitter.com/lacdbh>.

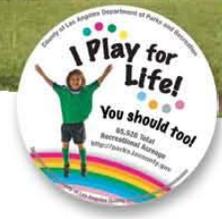
The addition of Twitter enhances the Department's overall communications strategy, integrating social media and other platforms to notify the public during times of emergency like the recent tsunami event in Los Angeles County when Twitter and Facebook were utilized to alert the community. The Beaches and Harbors Facebook site is available at Facebook.com/LACDBH for real-time information as circumstances unfold. Staff from Beaches and Harbors also monitor and assess the situation with updates sent to both social media sites immediately.

Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds have been recently added to the Beaches and Harbors website for the public to subscribe and receive Department press releases, alerts and commission meeting notices delivered automatically via a web portal, news reader or email, allowing a large amount of online content to be reviewed quickly.

For easy access to Beaches and Harbors Twitter, Facebook and RSS links, visit the Department of Beaches and Harbors website at beaches.lacounty.gov or marinadelrey.lacounty.gov.



COUNTYWIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE 2011



JOIN US FOR THESE FUN FAMILY EVENTS

STOP AND SMELL THE FLOWERS!

Farmer's Market and power walks

Saturday, July 23

8 a.m. to noon

Wilson Park Farmer's Market

2200 Crenshaw, Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90501

CHILL OUT!

Power walks and cooking demonstrations

Saturday, August 20

8 a.m. to noon

Burton Chase Park

13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

TAKE A HIKE!

A day of family fun featuring fitness hikes

Saturday, September 10

7:30 a.m. to noon

Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area

4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056

PLAY FOR LIFE!

A day of family fun at the beach featuring bicycle fun rides, power walks and cooking demonstrations

Saturday, October 1

7:30 a.m. to noon

Dockweiler Youth Center

12505 Vista del Mar, El Segundo, CA 90245

BE ONE WITH NATURE!

Bird walks and nature hikes

Saturday, October 8

7:30 a.m. to noon

Placerita Canyon Natural Area

19152 Placerita Canyon Road, Newhall, CA 91321

For more details, please visit

<http://dhr.lacounty.info>



“CalFresh Awareness” Campaign

DPSS Takes on Lead Role in Implementing Unprecedented Countywide “CalFresh Awareness” Campaign to Assist Families Most Vulnerable to Hunger in the County

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the number of homes lacking adequate food more than tripled in the last four years.

Addressing reports that only half of those in the County eligible for the benefits were reportedly receiving food assistance, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) enlisted the help of over 25 community partners to implement the most comprehensive local effort to increase public access and participation in food assistance and reduce food insecurity in the second largest and most populated County in the nation.

The partnership brainstormed for several months leading up to the observance of “CalFresh Awareness Month” in May.

The partners developed a number of innovative strategies to heighten public awareness and to educate the public about the federally-funded supplemental nutrition food benefit formerly known as Food Stamps.

In April, Board of Supervisors Mayor Michael D. Antonovich led the Board in officially proclaiming the month of May “CalFresh Awareness Month” in the County, announcing a series of community events and activities to promote and educate residents about the many benefits of CalFresh.

In support of the County’s efforts and in response to a joint presentation by DPSS Director Philip L. Browning, L.A.

Regional Food Bank Director Michael Flood, and Food Policy Advocate Matt Sharp, the City of Los Angeles passed its own motion to support CalFresh outreach.

Thanks to a combination of public outreach and other activities, as well as inquiries about CalFresh, applications submitted through the new online application feature at the Department’s “Your Benefits Now” website, more than tripled in May, compared to the previous month.

The month-long effort also included the deployment of the Department’s Health and Nutrition Mobile Office to non-traditional locations throughout the County and the production of public service announcements featuring national civil rights advocate Dolores C. Huerta, Tina Thompson of the Los Angeles Sparks, and Chivas USA Midfielder Gerson Mayen.

“Now more than ever, it’s our goal to increase the number of eligible L.A. County residents who need the assistance to take the next step and apply,” Browning said.

“We hope this effort shines a spotlight on the critical role CalFresh plays to help

folks struggling to make ends meet keep nutritious food on their tables.”

For information on CalFresh benefits, log onto www.dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/calfresh or call the Health and Nutrition Hotline at (877) 597-4777.



Los Angeles County Public Health Director and Health Officer Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, M.P.H and DPSS Director Philip L. Browning pose with Chivas USA cheerleaders, mascot, administrators and students from Maywood Elementary School.

DPSS partnered with Chivas USA Soccer and the Network for a Healthy California at Maywood to address the importance of good nutrition in public schools, highlighting the critical role that CalFresh – the supplemental nutrition food benefit formerly known as Food Stamps – plays in helping struggling families keep nutritious foods on their table.

FREEDOM

to Live Independently

Grand Opening for The Courtyards in Long Beach

In May, a grand opening was held for one of Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health’s (LACDMH) housing projects. The Courtyards in Long Beach, comprised of four different apartment complexes, officially opened its doors after a lengthy renovation and reconstruction process, funded through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The ribbon-cutting took place at one of the complexes, located at 1134 Stanley Avenue.



The mayor and city council members from Long Beach joined LACDMH Director Marvin Southard, D.S.W. at the ceremony. “For me, this is what makes a hard job worthwhile. To see somebody whose life is better because of the partnerships really makes a hard job worth doing,” expressed Dr. Southard. “I want to express my gratitude to everyone involved in helping make this project possible – and helping build dreams and create a quality life.”

“Without a home, you do everything to survive but you cannot thrive...I’m glad I have a home now...”

The Courtyards in Long Beach is a housing development consisting of four existing apartment buildings that were built in the early part of the 20th century. Each of the buildings was rehabilitated and restored to its original architectural look. The buildings are not far from each other:

- 1027 Redondo Avenue
- 1045 Redondo Avenue
- 350 E. Esther Street
- 1134 Stanley Avenue

“The Courtyards is the third housing project to open out of 35,” stated Maria Funk, Ph.D., LACDMH Clinical District Chief. “I’ve met people who are already living in the units. For some of them, this is the first apartment they’ve had in 20 years and they are thrilled. We are excited for them.”

After being homeless for nearly two years, Alexandria Means was able to settle into one of the studios at The Courtyards. She spoke about a series of events that led to her living on the streets. Now, she’s grateful for having a place of her own. “Without a home, you do everything to survive but you cannot thrive,” Means said. “I have lived here for three months and I am glad I have a home now.”

Improvements to the buildings included on-site laundry and outdoor seating. The entire project includes 46 studio units that are between 300-350 square feet in size, equipped with full kitchens (stove and refrigerator), a bathroom, large closet and carpet/linoleum flooring. The entire development will serve homeless and mentally ill clients. Twenty-three of the 46 units are subsidized with MHSA funds. The Mental Health America Village (The Village) will provide case management services to the residents.

Funding for *The Courtyards* was made possible with help from the following: Clifford Beers Housing, LACDMH, MHSA, the Long Beach Housing Development Company, California Housing Finance Agency, California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Wells Fargo Bank, Enterprise Community Loan Fund, Inc., and the Corporation for Supportive Housing.

FREEDOM

to Go Green

Plastic Bag Ban Effective July 1

Shoppers are reminded that a new ban on single-use plastic carryout bags went into effect on July 1 at all supermarkets and large retail stores with pharmacies within the Los Angeles County unincorporated areas.

As a result of the ban, shoppers will now be required to use reusable canvas shopping bags or purchase paper bags in 71 unincorporated area stores.

The ordinance prohibiting the distribution of single-use, plastic carryout bags was approved by the Board of Supervisors in November 2010 following completion of an environmental impact report that found the ban would substantially reduce litter, protect wildlife and marine habitats, and improve water quality throughout the County.

The action follows similar bans already in place in or being considered by other California communities, including Marin County, Berkeley, Manhattan Beach, Malibu, Pasadena, San Francisco, Long Beach and Santa Monica.

During the past two months, teams from the Public Works Department's Environmental Programs Division visited more than 60 supermarkets to give away thousands of reusable canvas shopping bags and educate shoppers about the ordinance and its positive effect on the environment. Several major supermarket and grocery store chains partnered with the Department during the visits, giving away their own reusable bags to customers.



To help in this effort, Supervisor Gloria Molina (*pictured*) hosted the County's final free canvas bag giveaway at El Super in East L.A. in June.

"To help make the transition easier for consumers, we've been giving away thousands of free canvas bags at participating

supermarkets across L.A. County throughout the month of June," Molina said. "It's our way of encouraging everyone to do what's right for the environment."

Supervisor Molina's free canvas bag giveaway marks the conclusion of her two year-long Green Bag for a Clean Earth campaign to promote reusable bag use throughout the First Supervisorial District.

County residents can learn more about the single-use plastic carryout bag ban and find details of additional in-store give-away events at www.aboutthebag.com.

County and City Libraries Partner to Offer Free Music Downloads

"Freegal" Allows Library Cardholders to Download Sony mp3 Music Free from Library Websites Starting July 1

The County of Los Angeles Public Library and the City of Los Angeles Public Library have joined Library Ideas' network of public library websites that offer access to hundreds of thousands of songs from Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists.

The service, "Freegal" ("free" and "legal"), has been

available since July 1 on both library websites. Freegal allows registered card holders of either library to download up to three selections of Sony Music tracks in the *mp3* format each week at no direct cost. The artists and the works available through the service are listed at www.sonymusic.com.

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FREEDOM

to Excel

Teaching Probation Youth about RESPECT

On a Sunday in June, the Probation Department’s Detention Services Bureau, in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, CBS2 News Anchor Laura Diaz, and KPWR Radio Host (Power 106) Big Boy conducted the “Inter-Group Relations: Respect 101” symposium at Central Juvenile Hall. Approximately 200 detained youth were in attendance. The purpose of the symposium was to bring hope and inspiration and to empower youth to respect themselves and others.

Laura Diaz and Big Boy shared their perspectives on inter-group relations and respect. They also spoke about their life journeys of becoming successful in their professions and encouraged the youth to take advantage of opportunities that can positively change their lives.

Diaz discussed her childhood and how her parents, who were farmworkers, tried to forge a better life for their children. They spoke little English and faced prejudices and cultural biases while growing up. Inspired by her father’s desire and determination to be free of these negative influences, Diaz pursued her independence by becoming a newscaster. She faced the same prejudices and biases in college.

However, she was encouraged by individuals who helped her succeed and took advantage of career opportunities that came her way. In 1997, Diaz became the first Hispanic lead anchor in her profession. She encouraged the youth, stating that “no matter what obstacles you may encounter, you can overcome them.”

“If you respect yourself and respect others, a miraculous thing will happen; people will respect you and will want to help you acquire freedom, liberty and independence.”



Laura Diaz and Big Boy from Radio Big Boy's Neighborhood on Power 106 FM

Big Boy, on the other hand, was inspired by his mother, a single parent raising seven children. He moved from shelter to shelter and was motivated to become a successful radio host while watching his mother sacrifice for their family, as well as his desire to have a home. He encouraged the youth to know what is right and wrong.

“All you have to do is turn down those negative voices in your head and turn up the positive voices, make the right choices and get yourselves out of your predicaments,” Big Boy said. “If you respect yourself and respect others, a miraculous thing will happen; people will respect you and will want to help you acquire freedom, liberty and independence.”

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“The County Library has been waiting a long time for a service like this that delivers great music, compatibility with lots of devices and simplicity of use,” said County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd.

“The Los Angeles Public Library is pleased to partner with the L.A. County Public Library to enhance our digital services and offer an easy-to-use music download service that delivers

great music to a variety of devices,” said City Librarian Martin Gomez.

“Music is an art form like literature and cinema. With Sony Music’s incredibly expansive and popular catalog, this becomes a very important product for libraries,” said Brian Downing, co-founder of Library Ideas.

For further information, please contact Brian Downing at briand@libraryideas.com.

Retirees

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after their service to the residents of Los Angeles County:

45+ Years

MENTAL HEALTH: Deborah Edmond
PUBLIC HEALTH: Elizabeth A. Bonner

40+ Years

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Vivion L. Parhm
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Gloria J. Powell
INTERNAL SERVICES: Richard G. Banks, Gregory E. Mc Lemoire
MENTAL HEALTH: Norma Fritsche
PROBATION: Sheila F. Jointer
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Beulah K. Giddings, Joyce M. Hobbs, Arma L. Scott, Ruth A. Wright
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK: Phyllis J. Smissen
SUPERIOR COURT: Joanne H. Greenleaf

PROBATION: Eugene Taylor
PUBLIC HEALTH: Terry Guillen, Maria Antonia Martinez, Carlos Sanchez, Margaret Scott
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Margarita M. Aguilar, Robert S. Miletich, Cassandra Stalling, Carol Vanderheyden
PUBLIC WORKS: Ida B. Simmons
SHERIFF: Kathy S. Stone, Marian E. Sutherland
SUPERIOR COURT: Benjamin Chavez Jr., Rachel L. Dangerfield
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR: Juanita Alexander, Emma Culpepper

30+ Years

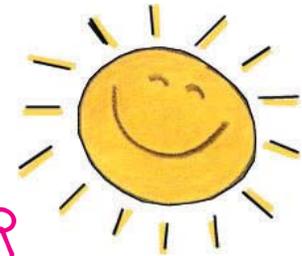
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ASSESSOR: Richard C. Guerrero
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Uda M. Zepeda
BEACHES & HARBORS: Pete Hernandez
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Joyce Castro, Alice D. McNeely
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Margaret Banaga, Evelyn Crawford, Jacquelyn L. Payne
CORONER: William E. Sherry
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Betty M. Bryant, Estella L. Creighton, Pamela O. Mills
FIRE: Jaime Aceves, Jean S. Shieh, Richard N. Warner
HUMAN RESOURCES: Rhonda D. Fernandez
INTERNAL SERVICES: Charles A. Barnes, Richard L. Haller Jr., Joseph J. Smilgis
LACERA: Sharon K. Carter
MENTAL HEALTH: Carmen Hernandez, Herlinda Q. Jackson

25+ Years

ASSESSOR: Fay Gordon
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Kane W. Phelps
FIRE: Jean S. Shieh
PROBATION: Terry M. Cardenas
PUBLIC HEALTH: Helen Sandoval
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Edwina R. Corpus
PUBLIC WORKS: Roger D. Johnston, Virgil Popescu, Carl W. Robison, David N. Stringer
SHERIFF: Ronald E. Pickford, Terry L. Stone
SUPERIOR COURT: Barbara N. Mendoza

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TOY LOAN PROGRAM



SUMMER FUNDRAISER

Co-sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Social Services, the Toy Loan Program is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. Every year from June 15th through the end of September, Toy Loan's Annual Summer Fundraiser raises monetary and toy donations to be used for all Toy Loan Centers. "Playground barrels" are placed in County offices, as well as other community organizations, for individuals to donate new, unwrapped toys.

This year, we would like to outdo our fundraising efforts from last year. That's why we're asking for your help in achieving our goal. Without generous donors such as yourself, the Toy Loan Program would not be able to continue to put smiles on the faces of thousands of children who otherwise may never have the opportunity to play with toys.

Many child development experts agree that play is an essential element for the development of healthy children. We here at Toy Loan agree and that's why our aspiration is to give that opportunity to as many children as possible. That's where you come in. Please donate and make a difference in a child's life.

You Can Help!

Support this worthwhile program by making a monetary contribution. Your donation will help purchase much needed **new** toys such as:

- Role-playing toys
- Interactive toys & equipment
- Science toys & equipment
- Math games & equipment
- Adaptive learning toys (for children with learning/development disabilities)
- Books
- Board games
- Sports equipment
- And much more!

YOUR DONATIONS ARE STRICTLY VOLUNTARY AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.

For more information you may call
(213) 744-4344



PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH



"The Program with a Heart" - **ANNUAL SUMMER FUNDRAISER**
June 15th - September 30th



You can help! Support this worthwhile program by making a monetary contribution.

Name _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____
 City, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Yes! I would like to support the Toy Loan Program.
Please accept my donation of:

\$5 \$10 \$20 \$100 Other \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
Toy Loan Advisory Board

2615 S. Grand Ave. 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Please send in no later than September 30th.

County Employees Only:

Department _____ District Office (if applicable) _____

Work Address _____

Share It

Service Nation: Mission Serve

Hiring Our Heroes Los Angeles

On July 10, over 1,600 veteran job seekers and military spouses attended the “Mission Serve: Hiring Our Heroes Los Angeles” event at the Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City to speak with more than 160 employers. The fair, co-sponsored by ServiceNation: Mission Serve, the U.S. and Los Angeles Chambers of Commerce, and the Foundation of Prince William and Prince Harry, was the largest of about a hundred such events slated to take place across the nation over the next year to help spouses and veterans find jobs.

One of the partnerships’ core aims is to raise awareness and support for the servicemen and women who put their lives on the line for their country. A key part of this focus will be to assist efforts to ensure the best possible re-integration and employment of veterans and military families.



Many organizations partnered with the Chambers of Commerce to make this event a success. Among those present were Paramount, CBS, Target, Dell, NBC Universal, Compass Group, Mattel, Bank of America and Sony.

The Sheriff’s Department was on hand to provide event support while the Department of Human Resources, Fire Department and Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk offered employment assistance.

Also in attendance were Colonel Joseph N. Smith, Director, County of Los Angeles Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, as well as Robert Gordon III, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Patty Shinseki, an advisor to the “Joining Forces Military Spouses Campaign” who spoke and offered support and encouragement to both military veterans and military spouses.

One of the event’s highlights was the special appearance by their Royal Highnesses—Prince William and Catherine, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. During brief remarks to the crowd, Prince William, who is a Royal Air Force search-and-rescue helicopter pilot, called the hiring fair “brilliant.”

“This is the last event on our tour of North America, but to my mind, it is one of the most important,” said Prince William. “This is because it is about men and women who—of their own free will—choose to put their life on the line for their country. They are the front line of a remarkable relationship between the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada, which has safe-guarded our freedoms for a century. But Mission Serve is about something more than just men and women in uniform. It is about our other halves. The half that makes the loved one’s duty and sacrifices possible and worthwhile. It is about you: families, partners and friends.”



“The idea behind ServiceNation: Mission Serve, an initiative strongly supported by First Lady [Michelle Obama] and Dr. [Jill] Biden, is simple, but truly inspirational. To help those returning from active service to open a new chapter in their lives and find employment when they retire from the military,” Prince William continued. “ServiceNation: Mission Serve, and all the companies and employers taking part today, are providing opportunities which mean something very immediate and personal to us. Catherine and I both have friends back in Britain who could benefit from a brilliant initiative like this. As this is my last opportunity before we leave this afternoon, I would just say, on behalf of us both, how grateful we are to have been welcomed so warmly in the Golden State and the City of Angels.”



During the event, the royal newlyweds (*pictured above*) joined a service project—in partnership with Blue Star Families and the USO—to create 1,000 care packages for military children and attend a special reception for supporters of the cause.