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Christmas Reception Gift Drive Aims to Help Children in Need

RANCHO CUCAMONGA—A free Christmas reception and gift drive will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday Dec. 9 in the David Dreier Hall at Central Park in Rancho Cucamonga.

Congressman Pete Aguilar, San Bernardino County Sheriff Shannon Dicus, and Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford teamed up to host the event, which will feature holiday treats, refreshments, and entertainment, including a visit from Santa Claus courtesy of SkyPark at Santa's Village in Lake Arrowhead.

We invite everyone to come out enjoy a night of fun and fellowship," Rutherford said. "There are thousands of children and youth in our foster care system and in the community who need our help to have a joyous Christmas. I hope the community will join us is showering them with gifts and support."

Guests are encouraged to bring two unwrapped gifts to donate at the event. The presents will be distributed to local foster youth and other disadvantaged children through Children's Fund and other local entities. Gift recommendations for young children (5-9) include toys, games, puzzles, and activity sets while suggestions for older youth (10-17) include electronics, gift cards, and personal care products.

Supervisors Rutherford's Second District Youth Council members will be on hand to collect gifts and assist guests throughout the evening. Youth Council members are also working in their schools and communities to collect gifts and promote the event. Members are chosen from local schools in the district. Over the course of the school year, they get a chance to learn about local government, develop their leadership skills, and organize various community service projects.

Central Park is located at 11200 Base Line Road in Rancho Cucamonga. Call (909) 387-4833 for additional information.