



# Press Release

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## Lynwood Families Receive Food, Fun and Cheer at Holiday Event

**Lynwood** – Nearly 200 families danced, ate and received gifts on Dec. 15 at the annual Lynwood Unified Holiday Fun event at Firebaugh High School that supports families in need throughout the community.

The District partnered with Los Angeles Dodgers standout Yasiel Puig and The Wild Horse Children's Foundation, along with the Giving Children Hope Organization to provide a wide selection of gifts for children to take home.

Lynwood Unified School District Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite attended alongside Board of Education members, Mayor Jose Luis Solache and other District staff who helped serve families with food and holiday cheer.

"This is a special event each year that allows us to show the families of our District how much they mean to us," Crosthwaite said. "We will continue to support them as they support our children, the future leaders of Lynwood."

Families were welcomed into the Firebaugh courtyard where a buffet of tasty options awaited and a mariachi band serenaded attendees. The gymnasium was stocked with gift items and games including: pin the nose on Rudolph and Frosty, a family portrait station and photo booth.

This year's collection of gifts was the largest in the event's history and were separated by gender and age range. Toy cars, dolls, building blocks and drones were stocked in piles for children to grab.

"Our partners in The Wild Horse Children's Foundation and the Giving Children Hope Organization really helped to make this event a tremendous success," said Lynwood Unified Student Services Coordinator Maribel Martinez who helped to plan the event with her department. "It's great to work with people who share our District's commitment to creating opportunities for children and families to enjoy a greater quality of life."

Newly appointed Board President Gary Hardie Jr. thanked the families in attended for all they do to lead the students of the District.

"At Lynwood Unified, our success is fueled by the harmony that exists between our students and the community," Hardie said. "Events like the Holiday Fun Event give us the opportunity to show our appreciation for all the work that happens throughout the homes of Lynwood."

### PHOTO CAPTION:

**121918\_LUSD\_HOLIDAYFUN:** Lynwood Mayor Jose Lúis Solache poses with a group of volunteers during the District's annual Holiday Fun event which provided gifts and entertainment for nearly 200 families in the community.

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