



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **District Accepting Donations of Unwrapped Toys for Families in Need**

## **Annual 'Toy Shop' Event Allows Families Living in Transition to Choose Holiday Gifts for Their Children**

**WHAT:** Norwalk-La Mirada Unified is accepting unwrapped gifts for its sixth annual "Toy Shop," where families who are living in transitional housing can choose new toys to gift to their children on Christmas Day. During the private event, about 150 District families will also enjoy breakfast, community-building activities and the opportunity to have their toys wrapped and write a personal message to their children.

Toys will be accepted now through Dec. 17 at the District's McKinney-Vento Program Office, at 12820 Pioneer Boulevard, Norwalk. The District is in need of gifts for children in grades K-12, including toys and gifts for teens, including perfumes, book novels, sports equipment, jewelry, scarves, hats and gloves and gift cards.

***Inclusion of the toy drive into your calendar of events or briefs section would be greatly appreciated. To cover the Toy Shop event, please contact Maritza Fairfield at 909-447-2403.***

**WHEN:** The District is accepting gifts now through Dec. 17.  
The Toy Shop will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Dec. 18.

**WHERE:** Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District  
12820 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk

**WHY:** Norwalk-La Mirada's McKinney-Vento program serves approximately 4,000 families living in transitional housing situations, including living with other families, in hotels and motels, garages or single rooms due to economic need or loss of housing. This event was created to provide parents with the dignity and satisfaction of being able to choose a gift for their children for the holidays. It also provides children the joy of receiving a gift from their parents and not from an agency or stranger.

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