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MORE THAN 80 SCLARC EARLY START KIDS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PICS WITH ST. NICK

Santa makes his annual appearance at SCLARC

On Friday, December 6, 2013, the SCLARC Family Resource Center hosted more than 180 SCLARC families, 80 of which included Early Start families. The annual Holiday Resource and Information Fair had something for everyone. Participants could get their picture taken with

Santa, have their faces painted by Silly Sally, pick from an assortment of toys and clothing and get information from community partners.

This special event provides parents with the opportunity to network with other parents caring for children with special needs, and the

opportunity to meet representatives from valuable social service agencies serving families with young children. In total, 23 community agencies were represented at the fair including local child development, mental health, advocacy, early literacy and health organizations.



SILLY SALLY PAINTING FACES



SANTA'S HELPERS PASS OUT THE CUTEST BABY CLOTHING



SANTA'S ELVES PASS OUT TOYS

PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



Community Partners that participated in the event included:



211 Los Angeles
 Children's Institute Early Head Start
 Crystal Stairs Head Start
 Crystal Stairs Referral Agency
 Department of Mental Health
 Drew Child Development Center
 El Nido Family Centers Early Head Start
 Human Services Association Early Head Start
 Kedren Early Head Start
 LA Care Health Plan

LA County Dept. of Public Health –
 Lead Poisoning Prevention
 LAUSD Low Incidence Disabilities
 Program
 LAEP Early Head Start
 Maternal Child Health Access
 Office of Clients Rights Advocacy
 Para Los Ninos
 Plaza de la Raza Early Head Start
 Read Conmigo
 SLAHP WIC
 Special Needs Network

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Remembering Woodrow “Woody” Wilson SCLARC’s FRC Holiday Fair Santa

Woodrow “Woody” Wilson, SCLARC’s FRC Holiday Information and Resource Fair Santa, passed away on April 4, 2013 at the age of 57. Woodrow, who was also the brother of Maria Haire, always looked at each day with spice and vigor. Two of Woody’s favorite times of the year were Thanksgiving and Christmas.

He would say, “Okay Sissy, get the Santa suit out. It’s that time of year to play Santa at SCLARC for the kids,” Mrs. Haire remembers.

Woodrow delighted in playing Santa and he always made sure every child had enough time with Santa. “You can’t rush Santa. Santa needs to speak to all the kids, even if it takes a little longer. Don’t worry,” he told the FRC staff at one Holiday Fair.

Woody always made the families’ experiences memorable, vowing each year to make his representation of Santa bigger and better.

“Before my brother’s passing, he spoke with my husband Mark and made him promise to keep the tradition up. So this year, Mark stepped in and played Santa in Woodrow’s memory,” Maria explained.

From all the smiling faces from kids and families, it was apparent that Mark did an excellent job. He even started growing out his beard six months prior to the event so that he would be more authentic. Woody would have been proud and he is most certainly missed by his SCLARC Holiday Fair team members.



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Families of our consumers play a key role in their lives. The FRC staff places much needed attention on the family strengthening/community-building aspects of our mission. The FRC supports families of children who are at risk for or who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability. The FRC is funded in collaboration with SCLARC and Federal (Part C) funds, made available through a contract with DDS, Early Start Program, contract #390019.



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