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Press Release

Center of Hope's "Give Love On Christmas" Creates Smiles in Children This Winter

Mattel Children's Foundation donation gives toys to 400 children in Historic FilipinoTown, Echo Park, Rampart and surrounding Los Angeles areas

LOS ANGELES, November 12, 2012—The Center of Hope (CoH), a non-profit organization in Historic FilipinoTown, along with its health outreach division, the Center of Hope Free Clinic, reaches out to the community through their "Give Love on Christmas" outreach on December 22, 2012 from 10am to 2pm at 2707 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90026.

The 2nd annual event is made possible by Mattel Children's Foundation's 400-toy donation, which will be distributed to the children. Kathy's Critters, a "petting zoo" that exhibits insects and reptiles, face painting booths, and interactive jumpers will be available to promote education and play. Free hair cut for girls will be provided by Tasha Woods and friends. The CoH Free Clinic Project will offer Nutritional Counseling, free health assessment and fat analysis to participants with the help of Vocational Nursing students from Trinity Vocational Center.

This is the Center's 2nd annual Toy Distribution, which gave bibles, books, winter accessories, and toys to nearly 200 children in Historic FilipinoTown last year. EC CPR, LLC (www.ecCPRonline.com) and the Rivera-Mitu Scholarship Foundation contributions allows the Center to offer the children's activities. The CoH Free Clinic Project will offer the free health services to the children. Volunteers from the Lord of Harvest Ministries will be providing registration assistance and supervision of all activities.

Rivera-Mitu says, "We want to show the children of this community that there is hope amidst hard economic times, gangs, and crimes in this area. We want to be the guiding light of this community, the organization that shows them love and compassion, to whom they can run to if they need counseling, advice, tutoring, or just a positive influence in their life. We hope that events like this get that message across to the children and their families".

The Center of H.O.P.E. (Haven of People Empowerment) has had many other successful outreaches in the last year, including their Free Mammogram in partnership with St. Vincent Medical Center's Multicultural Health Awareness and Prevention (MHAP) Center, and the Community Health Fair in May 2012, which reached nearly 300 individuals in the community. The next event to anticipate from this organization is the Community Health Fair in April 2013. Interested parties or vendors to that event may contact CoH at the information below.

For further information regarding the Give Love On Christmas outreach, please contact Eliza Rivera-Mitu at ERMitu@cohfreeclinic.org, at our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/cohfreeclinic), or call 213.382.4136. Sponsors or interested exhibitors may call 310.347.2686 or go to www.centerofhopela.org/please_donate. More information on The Center of Hope can be found at www.centerofhopela.org, and for the Center of Hope Free Clinic at www.cohfreeclinic.org.

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