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SANTA TRAVELS BY MOTORCYCLE TO BRING GIFTS TO SOUTH WHITTIER

70 Youth at Sundance Vista Apartments Receive Holiday Gifts

South Whittier, December 18, 2012 – The roar of motorcycles approaching added to the anticipation this past Saturday, as 70 low-income youth gathered to visit with Santa Claus at Sundance Vista Apartments, a 41-unit public housing development that is owned and operated by the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA).

The religious-based motorcycle clubs let their hearts lead the way as about 100 members of two clubs, Rebellious Riderz and Suicidas Bikerz, escorted Santa Claus on their motorcycles to deliver and help distribute toys to approximately 70 public housing youth. Jose "Chema" Uribe, Council for Rebellious Riderz said, “On Behalf of Rebellious Riderz, Suicidas Bikerz, we would like to thank the Housing Authority for allowing us to put on this event. We know that these are hard times for everyone and our
goal is to give back to our communities and show them that we care by spreading a little Holiday cheer!"

In addition to receiving toys, families enjoyed food and caroling to help get them into the holiday spirit. Sean Rogan, HACoLA Executive Director stated, “It is always inspiring to see the outpouring of generosity expressed from community members and other charitable organizations during the holidays. Seeing the bikers escorting Santa Claus definitely made it an unforgettable event for the children.”

Public housing was established to provide site based decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. HACoLA currently manages 2,962 units of public housing at 63 sites throughout Los Angeles County.

For more information on HACoLA’s public housing program, please call (626) 262-4510. All members of the media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762 regarding this event.

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Daniel Hernandez, age 3, receives a truck set from Santa.