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TCA'S HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE BEGINS VETERANS DAY

Annual donation drive benefits Camp Pendleton families

IRVINE, Calif. (November 11, 2008) –The Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) is partnering with Ware Disposal Inc. to collect toys from Nov. 11 – Dec. 11. The annual drive benefits Camp Pendleton's Military Outreach Ministry (MOM), an organization that helps meet the basic needs of families while their loved ones serve overseas.

Beginning Veterans Day, drivers passing through toll plaza cash lanes on the 73, 241, 133 and 261 Toll Roads can make donations to support the families of those who sacrifice their lives to protect our country. Collection bins will also be located inside the Irvine and San Clemente service centers. See attached map for location information.

Each year, MOM hosts a four-day "Gifts of Christmas" event where base families have the opportunity to "shop" for gifts from the large lot of donated items. Participating families receive toys for their children and a basket of food. More than 1,200 families were served last year and MOM plans to serve an estimated 2,000 families this year.

"First and foremost, we hold our Christmas toy distribution to say thank you to the young military families that are sacrificing so much for our freedom. We give the gifts to show that we sympathize with the strain that military lifestyle can have on young families with little ones," said Faye Bell, executive director of MOM.



“Separations at the holidays are extremely rough and not just financially. This year, the economy will have a huge impact on all family Christmas celebrations no matter the income level. The true spirit of the season always shines through and helps us provide something special for the military families that mean so much to us,” said Bell.

“It is an honor to provide bins at the toll plazas for this worthwhile program,” said Joel Lautenschleger, chairman of the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency and Laguna Hills mayor pro tempore. “Our hope is that toll road customers will find this a convenient way to show their generosity during the holidays.”

ABOUT TCA


The Toll Roads are operated by the Transportation Corridor Agencies, two joint powers authorities formed by the California state legislature in 1986 to plan, finance, construct, and operate Orange County’s 67-mile public toll road system. More info:

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DONATION LOCATIONS

-  Bins will be located in the cash-payment lanes of all mainline toll plazas on the 241, 261, 133 and 73 Toll Roads



Walk-in Service Center

FasTrak® Service Center

125 Pacifica, Suite 120
Irvine, CA

Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

San Clemente Toll Roads Center

209 Avenida Del Mar, Suite 201,
San Clemente, CA
(Near Ole Vista and Avenida Del Mar)

Hours: Tues.-Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



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