

# Human Dignity Program

Youth and Gang Violence Prevention, Diversity Education, Hate Crime Education and Response, Inter-Group Conflict Resolution, Community Harmony, Peace and Nonviolence



## "The Gift" Washington Middle School

On Saturday, January 8, 2011, over 2,000 residents and families participated in the **3rd Annual "The Gift" event** at **Washington Middle School**. "The Gift" is an annual event and celebration sponsored and coordinated by **New Generations**, a non-profit organization. In collaboration with the **City of Long Beach Neighborhood Services Bureau**, the **Long Beach Gang Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention Project (LB GRIP Project)** the **Long Beach Weed and Seed Program**, and several Community partners, they hosted the free event for low-income residents living in the surrounding area of **Washington Middle School**.



Attendees were entertained with live music and theatrical plays. Children of all ages listened to stories, played games, and received free books. Parents and grandparents had access to free blood tests and free haircuts and all attendees were provided with information about city resources and workshops available to residents through the **Neighborhood Resource Center**, the **Wrigley Community Police Center**, and the LB GRIP Project. In addition, all residents returned home with a bag of food from Food Finders.

For more information about the **Wrigley Community Police Center**, please contact **Juan Bucio** at **(562) 570-1100** or e-mail **Juan.Bucio@longbeach.gov**.

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