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Neighborhood Resource Center Hosts a Pink Potluck Mixer

The **Neighborhood Resource Center** hosted a **Pink Potluck Mixer**, Monday, October 5, 2009 to recognize October as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**.

Thirty (30) residents brought food to share with individuals and neighborhood groups that make Long Beach a better place to live. Residents were also invited to bring canned food to donate to **Food Finders** to assist our Long Beach neighbors during the current economic crisis.



Silva Owen, Director of the YWCA Encore Plus Program, made a presentation promoting breast cancer awareness through self-examination and regular mammograms. The **Encore Plus Program** provides mammograms to the many women in Harbor-Long Beach area with limited or no healthcare access and no insurance. Support groups furnish encouragement and comfort in a time of uncertainty and in cases of devastating diagnoses.

Also on hand were **Ian Whyte, Director of Response Services** for the **Greater Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross**, and **Red Cross volunteer Mike Farrar**. Whyte shared Red Cross resources in Long Beach and promoted their volunteer program. Potluck attendees were able to tour the Red Cross's **Emergency Response Vehicle** that assists with feeding and canteening for emergency responders at disaster sites.

For more information, visit: **YWCA** www.ywcaharbor.org/ **American Red Cross, Great Long Beach Chapter**, www.greaterlongbeachrc.org.

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NRC and LBCC Host Grant Workshop

Sixty-four (64) residents attended “**Dr. Drew’s Best Advice for Winning Grants**” workshop presented by the **Neighborhood Resource Center** and **Long Beach City College**, Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Carina Serrano, Program Manager for Center for Training and Professional Development at Long Beach City College, introduced Dr. Drew and talked briefly about grant writing workshops and other professional development programs offered at LBCC.

John C. Drew, Ph.D., Managing Director of Drew and Associates, discussed things to do when starting to write grants and how to improve communication and develop a winning theme for your charity. He also covered trends in U.S. foundations and funding resources in California, and provided tips and worksheets on how to organize your agency to win grant funding.



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For more information about upcoming Neighborhood Resource Center workshops, please contact **Scottie Hinkey** at **(562) 570-1010** or **sharron.hinkey@longbeach.gov**.