

Neighborhood Resource Center

Training, Technology and Resources for Neighborhood Organizations, Neighborhood Leadership Program,
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NRC Hosts Annual Winter Potluck Mixer and Collects Toys for Homeless Children

A good time was had by all at the **Neighborhood Resource Center's** annual **Winter Potluck Mixer** on December 9, 2009. More than **50 residents** from neighborhood organizations and the community brought delicious food to share and spent the evening meeting and mingling with other attendees.



Residents were invited to bring school supplies and small gifts for **School on Wheels**, a volunteer tutor program for homeless children in Southern California.

Paula Buxbaum, **Regional Coordinator** for School on Wheels, shared information about the program. Every week, hundreds of volunteer tutors provide one-on-one tutoring for homeless children (K-12) who live in shelters, motels, group foster homes and on the streets. In addition to weekly tutoring and mentoring, every student receives a backpack, school supplies, uniforms and assistance enrolling in school. Buxbaum pointed out that there are more than 5,000 homeless children in the region in need of help. School on Wheels receives no government funding and relies solely on donations.

NRC provides space for School on Wheels Tutor Orientation meetings. This is the second year that NRC has collected donations to be distributed to children in the Long Beach program.

For more information about School on Wheels, visit www.SchoolOnWheels.org. To find out how to become a **volunteer tutor**, call **Paula Buxbaum** at **(213) 896-9200** or email pbuxbaum@schoolonwheels.org.