

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY AND GIVING BACK FOR THANKSGIVING

FOOD, SMILES, AND GOOD CHEER WERE SHARED WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

"Giving back is an act of kindness and service. There is nothing more important than to give back and serve the community," declares DPO II McLaurin of the South-Central Area Office Juvenile Sealing Unit.

It's the season of giving, and the Los Angeles County Probation Department is in the community doing just that. On November 18th, Deputy Probation Officer IIs Padilla and Hoil of the Special Enforcement Operations Unit and Honor Guard, volunteered at the John Glenn High School and Southeast Academy "Food and Resource Drive-Thru." They worked closely with school officials and students and distributed 300 plus food boxes and grocery totes that were stuffed with community resource literature.

For the last eight years, Special Enforcement Operations Supervisor Daniel Ramirez has volunteered with the Hollenback Youth Center and Inner-City Games for their annual Turkey Giveaway. Staying committed to serving the community, he continued his tradition and partnered with them for their 40th giveaway this year. He shared, "I love all communities and helping people in need. I keep doing this because it's not about me. It's about the people in the community. And, when they see us serving, they know that we do more than just compliance checks. They know that we care."



SDPO Ramirez handing out wrist bands to residents at the Hollenback Youth Center Turkey Giveaway.



Hollenback Youth Center 40th annual turkey giveaway



DPOs Hoil and Padilla with Principal Padilla of John Glenn High School and Southeast Academy

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-DPO II McLaurin.

This year, Supervisor Ramirez was the first to greet over 500 residents as he distributed access bands to those that pre-registered. During the event, community members received over 1000 complimentary turkeys and grocery bags to enjoy for the Thanksgiving holiday.

South-Central Area Office continued to carry the giving torch. Their office’s Clerical staff teamed up with the Deputy Probation Officers in the Adult CORE, Ascot, SIT, Juvenile Sealing, Supervision, Investigation, Gang, and Specialized Units. Each operation personally donated Turkeys and Holiday favorites for clients.

“It’s Thanksgiving season, and it’s really important that we touch lives that don’t have as much as us,” shared DPO II McLaurin. “It’s also important that the individuals that we work with see the gentle side of us.” Because of the staff’s generous donations, 21 families (totaling 105 people) in the Compton community received extra-large Thanksgiving dinner baskets to enjoy.

On November 23rd, the Centinela Area Office Camp Community Transition Program and Gang Unit were also in the community. They showed their dedication and commitment to impacting lives by serving at PV Jobs Annual Turkey Giveaway and Drive-Thru.

The Deputies worked alongside several organizations. “It was nice to see all the various agencies come together to help the community,” expressed DPO II Ventura. The event was a collaborative effort between the Probation Department, PV Jobs, Hensel Phelps, the Black Probation Officers Association, The Brown Baggers, Community Build, GRYD, LAPD, Ndica, 88th Street Temple Church, and Volunteers of America. The various entities united with the spirit of joy and giving back in their hearts. They distributed over 1000 turkeys, Thanksgiving fixings, grocery bags filled with fresh produce, school supplies, and grooming items.

The Centinela CCTP and Gang Unit also hand-delivered Thanksgiving dinner boxes to clients and their families after the community event. “Today was amazing, and it felt terrific being able to help the community,” shared Supervising Deputy Probation Officer Allen.



Probation client (L) DPO Paul Kersanty (R), San Fernando Area Office



Centinela's Area Office Intensive Gang Unit

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DPO Ventura & SDPO Allen at PV Jobs Turkey Giveaway

The spirit of giving back permeated LA County, also stretching throughout the San Fernando and Antelope Valley Area Offices. The baskets contained all the favorites for a Thanksgiving Day meal. The staff was happy to give, and the clients were surprised and expressed genuine gratitude for the staff's heartfelt gestures.

Thank you to all the Los Angeles County Probation staff that selflessly used their personal resources and collaborated with community partners to give back. Your heartfelt acts of kindness assure that several families and communities will have a joyous Thanksgiving holiday with a delicious dinner. Your fidelity to Los Angeles County and the clients we serve is very much appreciated and unmatched.

Kudos to you all for staying in the community!

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