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**Los Angeles General Medical Center Brings Holiday Joy  
during Annual Posada Event Featuring Toy Giveaways,  
Coats for Kids, and Community Celebrations**

**LOS ANGELES, CA** – On Friday, December 13, 2024, Los Angeles General Medical Center, in partnership with Chair Pro Tem Solis, Supervisor to the First District, The Wellness Center, and For the Need Foundation, hosted its Annual Holiday Posada, offering a festive and impactful celebration for over 1,500 patients and community residents. The event brought together the Los Angeles community through joyful toy and coat giveaways, arts and crafts for children, live performances, and more, ensuring that families in need were embraced by both holiday spirit and tangible support.

With the help of over 80 volunteers and 60 staff members, the event provided over 800 toys and distributed nearly 500 coats, made possible by generous donations. The collaboration between these organizations highlighted the strength of community partnerships in addressing both immediate and emotional needs during the holiday season.

“We are proud to be part of this transformative event,” said Allie Spaccarelli, Director of For the Need Foundation. “The Posada provides more than just gifts; it’s a celebration of unity and community support. It reminds us all that even the smallest acts of kindness can have a lasting impact.”

Held at The Wellness Center, the Posada also offered fun-filled activities for families, such as ornament-making, cupcake decorating, face painting, and performances by local entertainers. These activities helped create lasting memories, making the event both meaningful and festive for all who attended.

“The Holiday Posada represents more than just a celebration—it’s a reflection of the strength and resilience of our community,” said Rosa Soto, Executive Director of The Wellness Center. “This event brings together families from all walks of life and demonstrates the power of collective action. We are proud to contribute to this meaningful experience that not only provides resources but strengthens the bonds that make our community so special.”

This year’s Posada was supported by many local partners, including IATSE, the union behind entertainment, which generously donated coats for children. The spirit of collaboration between healthcare providers, nonprofits, and unions underscores the collective effort required to address the needs of Los Angeles’ most vulnerable residents.

**About Los Angeles General Medical Center**

Los Angeles General Medical Center is a 600+ bed, Level One Trauma Center operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS). A teaching hospital affiliated with the Keck School of Medicine of USC, LA General is a regional leader in trauma care, with specialized services including a Burn Center, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and pediatric and psychiatric emergency care. Through its affiliation with The Wellness Center, LA General offers a wide range of community programs focused on improving health and well-being.

**About The Wellness Center**

Founded in 2014, The Wellness Center provides free health education, disease prevention, and wellness programs to East Los Angeles residents. The center's culturally-sensitive services empower individuals and families to take control of their health and well-being, making it a vital community resource.

**About For the Need Foundation**

For the Need Foundation is a nonprofit dedicated to alleviating homelessness, poverty, and illness in underserved communities. With over 20 years of service, the Foundation provides essential resources to children and families in crisis. The organization was named the 2023 California Nonprofit of the Year for its extraordinary contributions to community well-being. Learn more at [www.fortheneed.org](http://www.fortheneed.org).