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# Holiday gifts go to more than 100 kids through San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools program

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Ted Alejandro, second from left, San Bernardino County superintendent of schools, calls out a child's name with a bag of presents in hand, with help of Santa Claus, Buddy the Elf, San Bernardino County firefighters and San



San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools' Children Deserve Success program held its annual holiday celebration event Dec. 10, stopping at three transitional sites in San Bernardino.

The holiday procession included Superintendent Ted Alejandre, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools staff members dressed as Santa Claus and Buddy the Elf and members of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

A fire engine from the San Bernardino County Fire Department led the procession.

"I'm honored to be part of this amazing opportunity to spread holiday cheer to the students who need it most," Alejandre said in a news release. "The amazing folks with Children Deserve Success consistently deliver a holiday celebration that delights the children and helps alleviate some of the strain the holidays can cause for families experiencing challenges."

Tony Moore, a motivational speaker known by his superhero persona, The Motivator, and his Warriors were also part of the holiday event.

The celebration kicked off at the Time for Change Foundation's Phoenix Square location where the group delivered about 40 holiday gift bags to students served by San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools programs. The bags contained gifts from the children's wish lists, books, coats and healthy snacks provided by community partners.

Law enforcement officers also distributed restaurant gift cards to the children.

The Time for Change Foundation assists disenfranchised women and their children, helping families achieve self-sufficiency by providing housing and other supportive services.

The holiday procession also visited the Salvation Army and Veronica's Home of Mercy in San Bernardino. In total, more than 100 children received holiday gift bags during the event.

The San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools' Children Deserve Success program has conducted this annual holiday celebration since 2004. Each year, staff members and their families and friends volunteer to sponsor wish lists provided by each child identified by the Children Deserve Success tutoring



This year, community partners included Child Assistance Fund, San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Highland Congregational Church, Inland Empire Health Plan, San Bernardino County Teachers Association, Fifth District PTA and the Home Depot.

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