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DISTRICT 8 STUFF-A-TRUCK STUFFS A SPARK OF LOVE BUS!

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 8 participated in the annual ABC7 (Los Angeles) and Southern California Firefighters’ “Spark of Love” toy drive this morning. As part of the ABC7 (Los Angeles) “Stuff-a- Bus” live broadcast, District 8 Director Basem Muallem, along with Caltrans employees, delivered nearly \$5,000 worth of gifts, including: toys, school supplies, sporting equipment and other items for children and teens at the Mathis Brothers Furniture drop-off station in Ontario, California.

Once delivered at the drop-off location, the volume of toys and gifts filled an Omnitrans Bus.

Starting in November, Caltrans District 8 hosted an all employee “Stuff-a-Truck” toy drive for this cause. As a result of the generosity of the District 8 staff, a one-ton cargo body truck, as well as a maintenance utility truck, were filled to capacity with gifts.

“I am proud that District 8 employees worked together and generously contributed to such a great cause for our community,” District 8 Director Basem Muallem.

According to event organizers, “Spark of Love” has successfully collected more than 8 million toys over the past two decades. The campaign collects new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment for underserved children and teens in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Ventura and Riverside counties.

District 8 employees were honored to be part of such a worthwhile cause.



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