

Celebrities pitch in at Project Angel Food



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Project Angel Food welcomed volunteers on Nov. 22 including Lisa Rinna (left), Harry Hamlin and daughter Delilah Hamlin, who helped prepare and package hundreds of hot meals distributed to people in need on Thanksgiving.

Also participating were Skylar Astin, Vincent Herbert, Mercedes MJ Javid, Spencer Trinwith, best-selling author Carol Higgins Clark, fashion guru Joe Zee and Los Angeles City Councilman David Ryu, 4th District.

Since 1989, Project Angel Food has prepared and delivered nearly 12 million free meals – currently 12,000 per week – to men, women and children living with critical illnesses. Project Angel Food’s kitchen is located at 922 Vine St. For information, visit angelfood.org.

C.I.T.Y x1 helps LGBT youth celebrate holidays

C.I.T.Y x1 (Community Intervention Through Youth) hosted its 16th annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner for LGBT youth and their allies ages 14 to 24 on Nov. 18, at the Hollywood Banquet Hall.

“There were smiles on everyone’s faces in an evening when we served over 450 meals,” C.I.T.Y x1 Executive Director Carlos Sosa said. “We also linked over 100 youth to valuable social services like emergency shelter, health coverage, GED programs and emotional support.”

The pre-Thanksgiving dinner was sponsored by the city of West Hollywood, the Los Angeles LGBT Center, Los Angeles City Councilman Mitch O’Farrell, 13th District, and the Uptown Gay & Lesbian Alliance. The event featured a Disney-themed party titled “Magic Queendom.” Party Princess Productions provided costumed characters including Snow White.

Participating youth also enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with trimmings and freshly baked pies donated by The Andaz West Hollywood. This year’s youth hon-



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LGBT youth and their allies recently enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving dinner and party featuring Disney characters.

oree was 27-year-old Kenneth Mejia, who recently ran for election in California Congressional District 34, which includes downtown and portions of central and northeast Los Angeles. Mejia obtained over 35,000 votes as a Green Party candidate, posting the best national results in opposition against a

Democratic candidate, Sosa said. C.I.T.Y. x1 is also hosting a free Christmas dinner and dance for local homeless LGBT teens on Dec. 16. Titled “The Tamale Wars,” the dinner will be held at the Hollywood Hotel Ballroom.

For information and to provide support, visit cityx1.org.

County partners with Amazon for holiday toy donation program

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services’ Toy Loan Program and Amazon have partnered to encourage charitable donations via the Amazon Wishlist website to benefit nine sites serving low-income communities.

“For 83 years, the county’s Toy Loan Program has been a cherished part of so many childhoods,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th District. “I am grateful to Amazon Smile for creating this site and bringing new ener-

gy and attention to this beloved program.”

Toy Loan is a voluntary community effort supported by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. There are currently 54 toy lending libraries located throughout the county.

The Amazon site, toydrive.lacounty.gov, allows users to geographically select a Toy Loan Program site and have in-need Amazon Smile charity wish lists items shipped directly. For information, visit dpss.lacounty.gov.



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