

# Hollygrove Happenings

## WINTER WELCOMES NEW OPPORTUNITIES



## Hollygrove Opens in South L.A.

**W**ith so many vulnerable children and families across Los Angeles County, Hollygrove is proud to announce the addition of two new programs in some of the poorest and neediest communities: Full Service Partnerships (FSP) and Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC).

FSP, which is provided in the family's home, includes assistance with housing, employment, substance abuse treatment, recreational activities, or whatever the families need to stay safe and healthy in addition to mental health assessment and services. The program, funded by the recently enacted Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63), will provide services to over 40 children and their families living in the Compton, Watts, and Lynwood areas.

Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) is an "evidence-based practice" that's been called "a group home for one," because only one child at a time is placed in each foster home and receives comprehensive treatment designed to return him/her to permanence after a relatively short stay. The treatment team includes mental health professionals and the foster parents themselves, who implement and enforce a behavioral program for the child/youth in their home.

## The Magic of Disney

Hollygrove was more festive than ever this past holiday season thanks to the kind and generous folks from Disney. A frenzy of VoluntEARS blanketed the campus with arts and crafts, Radio Disney, dancing, games and prizes to the delight of more than 120 Hollygrove kids. Many thanks to Mickey, Minnie and the whole Disney crew for choosing Hollygrove as the recipient of their annual volunteer holiday party. It was truly an enjoyable occasion for all involved.



**Disney VoluntEARS**  
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At Hollygrove, an EMQ Children & Family Services Agency, our mission is to work with children and their families to transform their lives and the systems that serve them.



## Disney at Hollygrove

continued...



Games galore



Coloring and crafts



Cookie decorating



Beading and bracelet making



Mickey & Minnie photo finish

# Hollygrove Highlights

## Therapeutic After-School Program

The movie team from **Hollywood Heart** worked with the kids on writing, filming and acting in their very own movie. The crew provided a daily workshop covering all aspects of movie making. "Out of the Shadows" premiered at a red carpet event in November, followed by an awards ceremony for the filmmakers.

Hancock Park resident and Hollygrove volunteer **Marjorie Nielsen** has brought her passion for cooking to the after-school program. She leads two classes a week, teaching not only recipes that kids can prepare themselves, but also an appreciation of seasonal, locally available food and good nutrition.



## Other Highlights Included...

**A SAFE TRICK OR TREAT:** Dressed as ghouls and goblins, the kids went on a special trick or treating quest throughout the Hollygrove offices. Many of them can not trick or treat in their neighborhoods due to safety concerns.

**FIRE FUNDRAISER:** The children created a fundraiser for the victims of the October wildfires. Lemonade, cookies and other goodies were sold with all proceeds going to the Red Cross.

**SERVICE LESSONS:** Over the holidays the children took part in helping homeless men, women and children, including those served by P.A.T.H. They learned the importance of helping others in need and the positive feelings such giving can produce.



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