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Los Angeles City Fire Department to Host ShareFest Youth on Fire Boat

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The Los Angeles City Fire Department will host 45 local students for lunch and a 45-minute tour of the Port of Los Angeles aboard one of its fire boats on Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec.12. Each student is being recognized for their participation in recent work days organized by ShareFest Community Development and this past summer's ShareFest Youth Development Academy.



The students will be fed lunch by firefighters, receive a tour of the local station and get to ride on the fire boat. The event is part of a long tradition by the LAFD's community involvement, especially with students. George Negrete, LAFD Chaplain, has participated in past workdays with ShareFest and has come to appreciate the organization and the work being done in the Wilmington, Carson and the Harbor Gateway areas.

"One of the best things about ShareFest is the commitment and vision of working together to raise the awareness of different needs in a community and finding local resources to help meet those needs, Negrete said.

"The Los Angeles City Fire Department is glad to be a part of a program that recognizes the participation of students in those efforts."

ShareFest has been working for the past five years to meet the needs of families and children in underserved areas of Southern Los Angeles County. The organization is committed to creating communities that care about their neighbors.

"Our workdays are often the first introduction someone has to the work that ShareFest is doing, but there really is a lot more going on all year round." Managing Director Chad Mayer said. "All of the kids that will be a part of the tour and boat ride either helped on a workday or participated in the Youth Development

Ponte Vista provides a broad range of housing options, allowing my children to return to the Harbor Area as homeowners.

TONY RINGOR
HARBOR AREA RESIDENT FOR 47 YEARS

Academy. We are glad we have the opportunity, with LAFD, to recognize their work.”


This past summer, 140 students participated in the Youth Development Academy hosted by ShareFest on the California State University at Dominguez Hills campus. The program offered leadership and team building training as well as the more traditional recreational activities like baseball and swimming. All of the students came from middle schools in the Wilmington, Carson and Harbor Gateway areas.

ShareFest, in partnership with Los Angeles Unified School District, will be providing the first school year program in 2009. This pilot program will provide classroom time to educate, mentor and encourage students to become agents for change in their community. The goal is to fund this particular program for 120 students. ShareFest Community Development, Inc. is a non-profit public benefit corporation, which is funded through donations, grants, volunteer hours and sponsorships. For more Information on how to donate or volunteer visit www.sharefestinc.org or call 310-626-8106.

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HARBOR CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Presents

2008 HOLIDAY LIGHTS * DECORATION CONTEST
Spread good Cheer
BE A WINNER



**GOT ISSUES?
get involved!**

Judging will begin about dusk
December 15, Monday

(Optional) Register on line - board@harborcitync.com or
www.harborcitync.com

Next Meeting is January 21, 2009

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