



Press Release

City of Artesia, California

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City Seeks Community Involvement in Project Joy Holiday Programs

Every holiday season, the City of Artesia hosts Project Joy to provide community members most in need with toys and holiday meals. Throughout the 2018 holiday season, Project Joy provided toys to more than 300 children in Artesia, while more than 115 families received holiday meals through the program. Thanks to the City's sponsors, families also received additional pantry staples to help with meals beyond the holiday season. The City also hosted its annual Holiday Program together with Project Joy, giving kids the chance to see Santa and enjoy music and refreshments.

Project Joy's success is thanks to the City's strong community partners. This year, the City plans to do even more for the community through Project Joy, and asks for the community's help to make this possible. There are many ways for Artesia residents, businesses, and community organizations to get involved. These include:

- Donate pantry items for meal boxes like boxed potatoes, boxed stuffing, canned cranberry sauce, canned vegetables (such as corn and green beans)
- Donate canned foods and other pantry items, such as pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, canned soups, etc.
- Hold a canned food or toy drive (City staff will pick up from your facility)
- Donate unwrapped toys
- Make a financial contribution to the City's program
- Volunteer time to sort food, sort toys, or help with the Holiday event (volunteer application needed)

The City welcomes community involvement in Project Joy wherever possible, and is eager to make this year the best year for Project Joy yet. To get involved, please contact Jamie Murguia at jmurguia@cityofartesia.us or at 562-865-6262. Information and assistance applications are also available at Artesia City Hall and at Artesia and AJ Padelford Parks.

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Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 18,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of three Beacon Spotlight awards in 2018 and 2019, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To request services or share a question, visit our [Service Request page](#). To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at CityofArtesia.us, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.