

Annual Gift Wrapping And Caroling Party At Leroy Haynes Center

LA VERNE — Several dozen volunteers from throughout Southern California participated in a holiday gift wrapping party last night (Tuesday, Dec. 15) at LeRoy Haynes Center in La Verne to help provide a Christmas gift for every child on campus at the facility. LeRoy Haynes Center President & CEO Dan Maydeck said that despite the nation's current economic conditions gift giving for the kids actually increased this year due to many donations. Included were gift cards from Southern California Edison employees, gifts for the children from the organiza-

tion Friends for Life, the Kohler family and others. Gifts were selected and provided by supporters based on wish lists of three items from each child at the facility. After the gift-wrapping portion of the evening, volunteers began caroling from cottage to cottage on the hill where the children live. The LeRoy Haynes Center provides specialized treatment and educational services to children with special needs relating to emotional development, autism, Asperger's Disorder, learning disabilities, neglect and abandonment.



Pictured wrapping the donated gifts are seniors from Los Osos High School in Rancho Cucamonga, all members of the National Honor Society. They are Soo Kim, Tiffany Lin, and Evelyn Ling.



Pictured are two players in the two-year-old youth basketball team the Corona Lakers – William Smith, at left, and Dominik Uiltoa, both 13. The two were among seven team members helping in the project, along with Coaches Steve Vrieling and Carlos Alvarez, as well as "team mom" Monica Smith.