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More than 200 people came out for the second annual "Celebrate Being a Kid" holiday lighting ceremony at the LeRoy Haynes Center in La Verne on Dec. 2.

Jane Woods, director of development at the center, got help from Robin Carder, mayor pro tem of La Verne; Charlie Rosales, city councilman; Dan Maydeck, LeRoy Haynes Center president and CEO; Robert Dukes, Superior Court judge and LeRoy Haynes Center board secretary; Beverly Lee, center board vice chairwoman and Patricia Simpson, center board member.

After the lighting, guests enjoyed carnival games, photos with Santa, grab bags, puppy petting area, giveaways and strolling carolers from Lighthouse Church of Christ in West Covina.

The project, launched last year, began as an attempt to bring smiles to the faces of the kids at LeRoy Haynes Center, said spokesman Jeff Schenkel.

"The holidays are always difficult for our kids," said Dan Maydeck, LeRoy Haynes president and CEO. "We tried this program for the first time last year and it couldn't have worked better. The kids loved it. It is simply a good way to bring family spirit and spirit from throughout the community into the lives of our children."

The LeRoy Haynes Center, celebrating its

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65th anniversary, serves 350 to 400 children from throughout Southern California annually through its four basic programs — therapeutic residential treatment, transitional housing, Haynes Education

Center and mental health.

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