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# Holiday Gift Wrapping Party At Leroy Haynes Center

**LA VERNE** - About 30 gift wrappers volunteered last night to help wrap nearly 600 gifts for the kids at the LeRoy Haynes Center in La Verne – all to help ensure the kids have their holiday “wish lists” fulfilled. It was the third year of volunteering for members of Faith Lutheran Church in San Dimas. Halvorsen said the church, always involved in the community, selected LeRoy Haynes as a project. He called it a “great cause” and said “people don’t understand what a lot of these young kids go through” in terms of challenges and trials. “The partnership (with LeRoy Haynes) is here to stay,” he added. The church provides 36 gifts each year – three for each child in one of the cottages at LeRoy Haynes – and 40 dozen home-baked cookies, enough for all 72 kids at the facility. Other volunteers were from the



**Volunteers Julie Henry, Clarice Henry and Doug Halvorsen, all of San Dimas and all from Faith Lutheran Church in San Dimas.**

City of Hope and Southern California Edison, as well as groups and individuals.

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. The facility serves 350 to 400 children annually through its four basic programs – therapeutic residential treatment, transitional housing, Haynes Special Education Center and mental health.