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## SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER THANKS ITS LUCKY STARS

South Bay – The South Bay Environmental Service Center (SBESC) has been extremely fortunate to have a new group of Easter Seals volunteers this year! Jennifer, Mun, Jerome, and Enrique have become part of the SBESC family. They visit the Center every month and do an exceptional job assembling kits and packets of information for workshops and upcoming events. "Their latest assignment has been putting together the backpacks for the new children's Water Star Program, a West Basin Water Conservation Program promoted by SBESC," stated Martha Segovia, Volunteer Coordinator for SBESC. Easter Seals is an organization which offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals and independence. The program strives to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in their communities. These inspiring young people are wonderful role models for the community and the SBESC commends them for a job well done!

The South Bay Environmental Services Center offers volunteer opportunities for adults as well as college and high school students. Activities range from office support, inventory control, community outreach, and preparing materials for workshops and events regarding educating South Bay businesses, residents, and public agencies about energy efficiency and water conservation. The South Bay Environmental Services Center welcomes all participation and is happy to accommodate regular hours or flexible schedules. Inquiries may be directed to Volunteer Coordinator, Martha Segovia, at 310-371-7222. Volunteer applications can be found at <a href="http://www.sbesc.com/programs/volunteers">http://www.sbesc.com/programs/volunteers</a>





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Easter Seals Volunteers assemble backpacks for West Basin Municipal Water District's Water Star Program.

## **SBESC**

The SBESC is the South Bay's local clearinghouse for energy and water efficiency training, materials and other environmental information. SBESC works closely with the sixteen South Bay cities and County Unincorporated Areas of the South Bay on the implementation of energy and water saving projects that reduce greenhouse gases as well as costs. SBESC provides resources and tools to assist residents, businesses, and public agencies in better understanding the potential for energy and water efficiency within their homes and businesses. The Center hosts a wide variety of seminars, training sessions, and participates in many community events to assist consumers in making the best decision regarding energy and water use. The SBESC is operated by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) which partners with The Gas Company<sup>SM</sup>, Southern California Edison, West Basin Municipal Water District, City of Torrance Water Department, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and County of Los Angeles. Visit <a href="www.sbesc.com">www.sbesc.com</a> for the latest activities, schedules and opportunities to participate in a greener South Bay

## **SBCCOG**

The SBCCOG is a joint powers authority of 16 cities and the County of Los Angeles that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity throughout the South Bay and surrounding communities. Members are Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, and the Harbor City/San Pedro communities of the City of Los Angeles, along with the County of Los Angeles District 2 and 4. The SBCCOG values what makes its cities unique and independent, and realizes there are times when collective endeavors get better results. This vision of what it can do for its communities drives SBCCOG efforts and motivates its members. It can best be described three ways: Partnership, Persuasion and Performance. Since its inception in 1994 the SBCCOG has been successful in achieving goals toward that end.