



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **Parks Foundation Brings Holiday Cheer to Low Income Neighborhoods** *Grant Money to Support Twenty Seasonal Events in L.A. City Recreation Centers*

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—This week the Los Angeles Parks Foundation is announcing the awardees of its 9<sup>th</sup> annual *Holiday in the Parks* program, which provides \$10,000 to parks throughout the City of Los Angeles to put on special end-of-the-year programs. The grant is designed specifically to provide support to L.A.’s under-resourced neighborhoods.

“We are thrilled to help bring the North Pole to Southern California through these healthy, holiday, family events in our Los Angeles city parks,” said Executive Director Carolyn Ramsay. “*Holiday in the Parks* brings cheer to neighborhoods, families, parks and all of us at the foundation as well.”

Nearly 40 recreation centers applied for the grant this year, from every corner of Los Angeles. The winning events will feature a variety of fun activities, performances, and food. Some of the highlights include:

- **Joy to the World Breakfast with Santa** – Loren Miller Rec Center (Mid-City)  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-1:00pm
- **Elf Family Fun Run** – Banning Rec Center (Wilmington)  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-12:30pm
- **Winter Wonderland Performances** – Lou Costello Rec Center (Boyle Heights)  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-12:00pm
- **Pancake Breakfast with Santa** – Branford Rec Center (Arleta)  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:00am

All the events are family-friendly, free or low-cost admission, and open to the entire community. The annual *Holiday in the Parks* grant program started back in 2010 and has since been able to reach over 80 local recreation centers.

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The mission of the L.A. Parks Foundation is to enhance, expand, preserve and promote recreation and parks for the people of Los Angeles. Since its founding in 2008, the foundation has raised over \$33 million for projects and programs of all sizes throughout our city parks. Learn more at [www.laparksfoundation.org](http://www.laparksfoundation.org)



CITY OF LOS ANGELES- DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
 FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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LOREN MILLER R.C.'S

# Joy to the World



## A Celebration of Winter Holidays Around the World!

Let's get together and share laughter and joy over international breakfast bites and warm drinks.

DECEMBER 15, 2018 | 10 AM  
 LOREN MILLER REC. CENTER  
 2717 HALLDALE AVENUE  
 LOS ANGELES, CA 90018  
 (323) 734-4386

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A special thank you to the L.A. Parks Foundation!

Face Painting

Make & Take Crafts

Loren Miller RC  
 Cheer Team Live  
 @ 11 a.m.

Line Dance Contest 4 kids

Special Guest Santa  
 Photo Opp. & Treats



# Elf Family Run



Join us on

**Saturday, December 15th**

**10am—12:30pm**



10:15am - 10:45am — Elf Family Run



11:00am — 11:45am — Special Presentation from our

Preschoolers & Cheerleaders with a Light Breakfast



12:00pm — 12:30pm — Meet Santa!

A fun filled family event that will get everyone moving and grooving.

A light breakfast will be served after our Elf Run, followed by a special performance from our Girls' Cheerleaders and our Preschoolers.

Take a picture with Santa and Much More!

Holiday inspired clothing is encouraged. Have fun with it!

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**LOU COSTELLO JR. RECREATION CENTER**  
3141 E. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90023  
Phone: (213) 485-9111



# Winter Show

**Saturday, December 15th**

**10:00am-12:00pm**

**at**

**Lou Costello Jr. Recreation Center**

## Activities Include:

- ◆ Performances from our Youth
- ◆ Light Refreshments
- ◆ Special Guest Visitor
- ◆ Special Gifts



Persons with disabilities are welcome to participate in our programs. Reasonable accommodations will be made with prior arrangements.

"Achieving gender equity through a continuous commitment to girls and women in sports."



## BRANFORD RECREATION CENTER

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# BREAKFAST WITH *Santa*



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**Admission: \$5.00**

**CALL FOR AVAILABILITY - SEATING IS LIMITED - PAJAMAS ENCOURAGED**

**Includes:**

**Pancake Breakfast - Performances on Stage**

**Pictures with Santa - Present Give Away**

**Festive Music**

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All information is subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.