

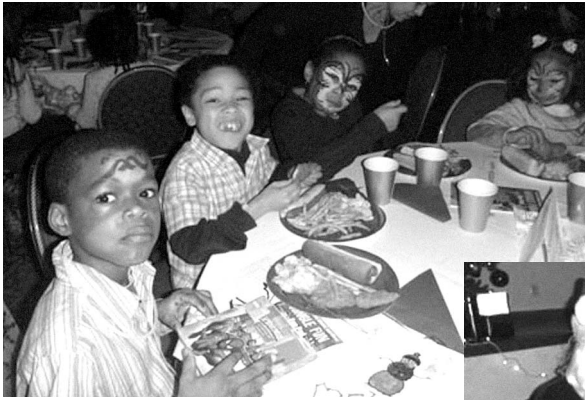
# Toy Drive and Kids Holiday Party a Success!

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On Saturday, December 19th, the Coalition held its 13th Annual Holiday Party to benefit homeless boys and girls.

Set in the beautiful Alhambra Ballroom, each child was welcomed with goodie bags, a face painter, a professional DJ playing the latest hits, and characters from their favorite shows and movies. After a full lunch, the kids got a visit from Santa, who gave each a special present.

Their smiles were all we needed to know that this was truly a special day for each and every one of them.



## Thank You Santa!

Dear Santa,  
I just want to thank you for the gifts you brought for me. I really like the clothes and the Hanna Montana make up kit.  
Thank you very much!  
Kelly

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait to play with my scooter when I move. I love my toys!  
Love,  
Shana

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents. I enjoyed them very much. I got everything I wanted.  
On Christmas, I played with my Barbie doll.  
Sincerely,  
Kiona

This year was our most successful toy drive ever, bringing in nearly 1,000 toys and stuffed animals that went directly to our most needy clients. We greatly appreciate the support of everyone who participated. With your help, we were able to make the holidays a little brighter for so many children and families.

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