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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUBJECT: YOUTH MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2006 – MONETARY AWARDS  
PRESENTED BY CONNECT L.A. TO RECREATION FACILITIES WITH  
NOTEWORTHY COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept, with gratitude, a donation of Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650) from Connect L.A. for awards to eight Department of Recreation and Parks facilities, and give appropriate recognition to the donor.

SUMMARY:

On Saturday, October 28, 2006, more than 1,200 youth and 400 adults organized at 75 Department of Recreation and Parks facilities citywide to volunteer to help improve their community on Youth Make a Difference Day 2006. The Department, through its CLASS Parks Program, partnered with Connect L.A. to empower the youth and teens of Los Angeles to plan, organize and conduct projects that truly matter to them. Connect L.A. is a ten-year-old civic organization whose mission is to enable community-based organizations meet their challenges and goals by developing and strengthening the spirit of volunteerism and collaboration in the greater Los Angeles area. As a result, eight Department facilities were selected to share \$650 from Connect L.A. for noteworthy community projects in the Los Angeles area. The awards were granted as follows:

- Rose Hills Recreation Center received \$100 for “Best Project for the Environment” for planting trees at Debs Park.
- Hubert Humphrey Recreation Center received \$100 for “Most Original Teen Project” for making cat toys and dog treats for the Pasadena Humane Society.

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- Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center (EPICC) received \$100 for “Best Overall Teen Project” for preparing and serving meals for the women’s shelter.
- Hazard Recreation Center received \$100 for the “Above and Beyond” category for raising money to purchase supplies and pack 200 lunches to serve to the needy on Skid Row, in partnership with the L.A. Mission.
- Chevy Chase Recreation Center received a \$100 “Special Recognition” award for carrying out their Youth Make A Difference Day project despite a fatal shooting at their park that morning.
- Vineyard Recreation Center received a \$50 “Special Recognition” award for organizing a community-based Halloween event, including participation from the Neighborhood Council, Park Advisory Board, and Councilmember Herb Wesson’s office. Vineyard’s Teen Club also accepted items of food and clothing for the local women’s shelter.
- Eagle Rock Child Care Center received a \$50 “Special Recognition” award for a project involving the Center’s children collecting and/or donating new school supplies and filling backpacks for needy school children who pass through the local House of Ruth Women and Children’s Shelter.
- Montecito Heights Recreation Center received a \$50 “Special Recognition” award for hosting a pumpkin patch and bake sale which raised \$527 for City of Hope Pediatrics, specifically for children with cancer.

The Department requests that the Board direct acknowledgement to Connect L.A., 10951 West Pico Boulevard, Suite 120, Los Angeles, CA 90064, attention Marjorie Matsushita.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The \$650 in awards will go directly to the individual Recreation Centers to be used for their youth programs.

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