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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 13-316

DATE December 11, 2013

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SUBJECT: DONATION TO OPERATIONS BRANCH – EXPO CENTER

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board accept the donation, as noted in the Summary of this Report, and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor.

SUMMARY:

EXPO Center has been granted \$9,000.00 in scholarship assistance for the Afterschool Enrichment Program by The Friends of EXPO Center. EXPO's Afterschool Enrichment Program for elementary students offers children ages 5 to 11 an interactive and safe environment after school. Offered Monday through Friday, 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., the program provides academic and recreational activities to include homework assistance, computer lab instruction, chess, music and singing, arts and crafts, swimming lessons, field trips and a partnership with the University of Southern California to provide a health and nutrition program. The program also assists parents who cannot drop off their children after school. The Walk Crew, led by EXPO staff, meet children at nearby schools and walk with them to the facility and EXPO vans pick up children at elementary schools that are not within walking distance. The \$9,000.00 is used to reduce the weekly fee of the program from \$35.00 per child to \$20.00 per child. As a result of the scholarships, enrollment in the Afterschool Enrichment Program has increased from an average of 25 children per week to 82 children per week.

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The Friends of EXPO Center was established as a 501 (c)(3) organization in 1998 to develop the site of the 1932 Los Angeles Swim Stadium and construct a state-of-the-art recreational and community center. Today, a 31-member volunteer Board comprised of community and business leaders continues to provide strategic support and financial assistance to EXPO Center. A major goal of The Friends of EXPO Center is to serve low income families in the Exposition Park community by providing scholarship assistance to subsidize some of EXPO Center's fee-based programs.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation results in no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund, except for unknown savings, as donations may offset some expenditures. Without this donation enrollment in the Afterschool! Enrichment Program would be significantly reduced.

The funds will be deposited into the EXPO Center Donation account SP89837M.

This report was prepared by Belinda Jackson, Executive Director, EXPO Center.