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The South Bay Workforce Board hosts Inglewood Teen Center 3rd Anniversary

INGLEWOOD – The Inglewood Teen Center 3rd Anniversary celebration was hosted by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and drew more than 100 people, including students, staff and community civic leaders. The event took place at the Teen Center Thursday, September 29, 2016.

On hand to celebrate the Inglewood Teen Center’s third successful year in the community was Mayor James T. Butts Jr., City of Inglewood and Inglewood Council members George Dotson and Alex Padilla; Inglewood Chamber Executive Director, Erick Holly; Inglewood Police Department members; Centinela Valley Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Gregory O’Brien; El Camino College President, Dr. Dena P. Maloney; Inglewood Unified School District representatives; and SBWIB Executive Director, Jan Vogel.

The event included award presentations, plus certificates for ‘Newcomer of the Year’ (10th grader, Egypt Hubbard), ‘Member of the Year Award’ (11th grader, Joshua Williams), and “Teen Center Ambassador” (12th grader, Eric Vance), as well as a Ping-Pong match and refreshments.

Eric Vance has been a regular fixture at the Teen Center, rarely having missed a day since it opened in 2013. Eric is a member of the Center’s Leadership Club and volunteers at the Salvation Army. He is also involved with the Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and successfully completed the Inglewood Police Department’s Police Explorers Program and is a member on the City of Inglewood’s Youth Commission, representing District 3.

Mayor Butts Jr. stated, “It’s very fulfilling to oversee a Teen Center that provides a safe learning environment where kids can socialize, learn, and be carefree. Staff directly influences their lives and re-enforce the importance of education, staying in school and staying out of trouble.” He added, “We’re well-aware of how important it is to be positive mentors and we see the impact the center is having on their lives.”



Other highlights included a \$2,000 donation from West Basin Municipal Water District, Disney luggage tags, courtesy of the Southern California Indian Center, Inc., as well as giveaways from the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

Open Monday thru Thursday from 3-6 p.m., the Inglewood Teen Center is operated by the SBWIB and provides a safe environment where teens can have fun and learn through games, computers, counseling and workshops. The Center, which is free for students, reinforces the importance of preparing for careers by staying in high school, attending college and exploring different careers. Academic services include homework assistance and tutoring. Programs for arts and crafts, sports and fitness, and enrichment activities are also available.

For more information on the Inglewood Teen Center's 3rd Anniversary please contact Jan Vogel at (310) 970-7700 or jvogel@sbwib.org.



Left to right: SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel; Inglewood Mayor, James T. Butts Jr.; Eric Vance, Inglewood Councilmembers George Dotson and Alex Padilla; Inglewood Police Chief Mark Fronterotta.