



## Downtown Women's Center eNewsletter

### News from the Heart of Skid Row

December 2009

Greetings from the Downtown Women's Center (DWC)!

Thank you for giving a moment of your time to read our eNewsletter - a brief update of happenings at the Center and ideas for how you can get involved!

It's an exciting time of year for the DWC community! In addition to preparing for another fun-filled holiday season at the Center, we are also celebrating *Project Home's* official groundbreaking! Please read on for opportunities for involvement with DWC in the coming months; you can also visit our website at [www.DWCweb.org](http://www.DWCweb.org) for more information about the Center's impact on our community and how you can help!

Vote for DWC on the [Chase Community Giving Facebook page](#)! The 100 charities that receive the most votes by December 11 will receive a \$25,000 grant, and will be in the running to receive an even more funding. Voting is quick and easy, and only a Facebook membership is required!

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### Chanukah Celebration

Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Chanukah is just around the corner! Come join us at the Chanukah celebration at DWC! We will be learning about the festival of lights with music, food and games!

Please help donate some of our wish list items for the event and find out more by visiting our [website](#) or by contacting the Volunteer Department's Community Outreach Assistant Steven Alvarez at [Volunteer@DWCweb.org](mailto:Volunteer@DWCweb.org)

### Gift Wrapping Parties

Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 4:00-8:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 17th, 4:00-8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 20th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Each year the DWC Elves are hard at work putting together amazing gifts for the Day Center participants and residents. We put extra care into adorning all gifts with ribbons, bows, tissue paper, and more to make what is a cold white winter into a festival of color and fun! Join us at one of our Gift Wrapping

Parties.

To RSVP, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator Vanessa Wai at [Volunteer@DWCweb.org](mailto:Volunteer@DWCweb.org).

## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

December 24th and 25th.  
Sign-ups begin December 1st.

DWC will be open for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and we need your help to make it a special celebration. We are looking for generous volunteers to help us set up, celebrate, cook and enjoy quality time with the Ladies of DWC. You can still help if you won't be able to join us this Christmas by donating meal wish list items listed on our website. There will be two shifts on each day:

### Christmas Eve

Shift I 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Shift II 11:30-2:30 p.m.

### Christmas Day

Shift I 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Shift II 11:30-2:30 p.m.

For more information and to sign up please call (213) 680-0600 or the Volunteer Department's Community Outreach Assistant Steven Alvarez at [Volunteer@DWCweb.org](mailto:Volunteer@DWCweb.org).

## Holiday Wish List

What is DWC wishing for this season?

A few of our most wished for items:  
\$5 Gift Card (Movies, Theatre, Restaurants, etc.)

New Full Size Mattresses

Jackets/Parkas

Thermoses

Reusable Water Bottles

Please visit our [Holiday Help Web Page](#) for complete wish lists and other ways to help this holiday season. For more information or to arrange an after-hours delivery, please call (213) 680-0600. To ensure we have time to wrap each gift, we ask that all items be received by **Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 p.m.**

Please contact the Volunteer Department Assistant Katie Escudero at [Volunteer@DWCweb.org](mailto:Volunteer@DWCweb.org) or (213) 680-0600 if you wish to help sponsor any of our holiday gifts/needs this year.

## Project H Event at Artecnic

Saturday, December 12th, 6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Project H Design would like to invite you to an exhibition of their latest work. They will be displaying objects designed and constructed in our Abject Object workshop series. They have partnered with DWC to design garments and accessories that give our Ladies skills for a brighter tomorrow. The items will be available for purchase during the event and the Ladies who participated will be there to congratulate for all their hard work.

Artecnic  
508 S. San Vicente Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90048  
\$5 Suggested Donation

Please RSVP via email to [projecthdesign.la@gmail.com](mailto:projecthdesign.la@gmail.com)

## Public Outreach Team Fundraising Events

The **DWC Public Outreach Team** will be hosting two fundraising events benefiting DWC in December - we hope you can join us!

### **Wine Tasting and Silent Auction**

**Thursday, December 10th, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

The Colorado Wine Company

2114 Colorado Blvd.

Eagle Rock, CA 90041

Tickets are \$30 presale or \$35 at the door.

*\*This includes a flight of 5 wines and hors oeuvres.*

Tickets can be purchased at [www.firstgiving.com/dwc](http://www.firstgiving.com/dwc)

### **Naughty or Nice/Christmas Sweater Party and Silent Auction**

**Friday, December 18th, 9:00 p.m. - Close**

The Happy Ending Bar

7038 Sunset Blvd.

Hollywood, CA 90028

Tickets are \$20 at the door.

*\*This includes appetizers, drink specials, and dancing!*

If you have any questions about these events please contact the Volunteer Department at [Volunteer@DWCweb.org](mailto:Volunteer@DWCweb.org).

## **We Have Broken Ground!**



***Project Home begins its next phase in becoming a reality!***

DWC is pleased to announce that ground has been broken on *Project Home*! This LEED-certified, sustainable development will provide a space for permanent supportive housing, basic needs

health, education, and workforce development services for more than 3500 women in poverty each year. We look forward to keeping you informed of our progress.

Pictured above: **Actress Jane Kaczmareck** celebrates this important achievement with DWC participants and staff.

*Photo courtesy of Sondra Stocker.*