



From ABC7 & Southern California Firefighters

Dear Vernon Businesses,

I would like to invite the businesses of Vernon to join ABC7 and the Vernon Fire Department as we celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Spark of Love Toy Drive. For 20 years, ABC7 and Southern California Firefighters have joined forces to run the “Spark of Love” Toy Drive. This campaign collects new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment for the underserved children in our communities. Please help us celebrate our 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary by dropping off a toy or sports equipment at your local fire station, or if you prefer, you can donate on line at <https://www.calfund.org/page.aspx?pid=622> and we will do the shopping for you.

The kick-off date for this year’s drive is November 18<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 24<sup>th</sup>. Toys collected in the Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Ventura and Riverside counties are distributed locally. Last year alone, “Spark of Love” collected close to 500,000 toys within the five counties. Going into our 21<sup>st</sup> year, our goal is to exceed last year’s amount of toys to be distributed to the children in our communities.

Once again, we will have boxes located at all Fire Stations, Vernon City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce. If you would like a collection box at your business please call the contact number listed below.

We will be having a toy collection day at Fire Station #1 on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. All businesses are encouraged to stop by, bring their donated toys and take pictures with members of the Fire Department on fire engines and ladder trucks. The toy collection day will begin at 10am and continue until 2pm at Fire Station #1 (3375 Fruitland Ave.)

If you are unable to attend our toy collection day at the fire station we will be available to pick up donated toys prior to December 13<sup>th</sup> with a fire department pick up truck (fire engines may not be available for toy pickups, although we will try to facilitate all requests).

Please join ABC7 and Firefighters across the Southland in making this season a little brighter for thousands of local boys and girls who may otherwise go without a gift. Through the Spark of Love Toy Drive, the spirit of giving will be felt throughout the communities we live and work as well as in the hearts of less fortunate children.

If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a toy pickup prior to December 14<sup>th</sup>, feel free to contact us. Again, thank you for your support and Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

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