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Jimmy Kimmel, Molly McNearney and Jimmy Kimmel Live! Turn St. Joseph Center's Transitional Housing into a Winter Wonderland

South LA—On Sunday, December 4th, **Jimmy Kimmel, Molly McNearney**, and **Jimmy Kimmel Live**, transformed St. Joseph Center's Open Air: A Safe Landing for Families St. Joseph Center's into a Winter Wonderland to bring holiday cheer to unhoused families.

Volunteers from Jimmy Kimmel Live and **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority** led holiday activities for children and their parents, including ornament making, Christmas tree decorating, and light hanging. Food and gifts were provided for all families. For the many communities of color that St. Joseph Center serves, a Black Santa brought holiday cheer and celebrated equity. The event concluded with an incredible performance by USC's new majorettes squad, **the Cardinal Divas**.

St. Joseph Center President & CEO **Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum** offered a special welcome, and was joined by LA Mayor-elect **Karen Bass** and Councilmember **Curren D. Price, Jr.**, who offered their own words of hope.

Open Air: A Safe Landing for Families is a transitional living program located in LA Holly Mitchell's County Supervisorial District 2 and Councilmember Curren Price's Council District 9. It provides safe housing for families who were living on the streets or in their vehicles while they work to obtain permanent housing.

As she watched children waiting in line share their Christmas lists with Santa Clause, Dr Adams Kellum said, "This is the second year that Jimmy and Molly have sponsored Winter Wonderland and we could not be more appreciative. Everyone deserves the comfort of a home where they can feel safe with family and friends, during the holidays and every day of the year."

Attendees:

Jimmy Kimmel & Molly McNearney
Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, President & CEO, St. Joseph Center
Mayor Elect Karen Bass
Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.



Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Office
Volunteers from Jimmy Kimmel Live!
Volunteers from St. Joseph Center
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
Cardinal Divas, USC Majorette's

About St. Joseph Center:

St. Joseph Center is an independent, nonprofit 501 (c)(3), community-based organization. St Joseph Center's mission is to provide working poor families, as well as homeless men, women and children of all ages, with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community. The agency reaches nearly 15,000 individuals annually through a variety of integrated programs. To learn more about St. Joseph Center's comprehensive services, please visit www.stjosephctr.org.