



Community Wellness Task Force, CROYA, Gorton, LF Rec Center, LF/LB LDA, Open Lands

November 13, 2013 Report to APT Executive Board

COMMUNITY WELLNESS TASK FORCE: The task force has worked to create a new initiative that is launching in November called Text-A-Tip. The purpose is to provide an anonymous text-communication system to community members in LF, LB and Knollwood. The Text-A-Tip System will allow community members to send a text message to a dedicated number and receive an immediate response. The person sending the text message will be able to hold a conversation with the respondent while remaining completely anonymous during the process. Persons wishing to share a concern about himself or herself or someone else will be able to do so while maintaining confidentiality and anonymity. While the Text-A-Tip System will be available for communication of any kind or concern, its intended purpose is for community members to be able to use it when they need immediate mental health assistance for themselves or for a friend. The anonymity of the communication makes it a comfortable place for someone to share a concern about another individual without risk of someone knowing who sent the report. The ultimate outcome will be to provide an outlet for students to voice concerns about themselves or someone else in an ultimate effort to create a safer and healthier community. Response team consists of Licensed Clinical Social Workers who will be on-call 24/7 to respond to messages. Respondents will rotate via a pre-established on-call schedule and will be responsible for appropriately responding to each communication and for following up and reporting whenever necessary.

CROYA: No report submitted.

CROYA Student Union drop-in is every day after school 3:30 – 5:30pm.

Middle School “Treat Tuesdays” are from 4:00 – 5:00pm, which include a youth meeting for announcements and signing up for programs, a game, and a fun snack.

Go to www.croya.com to sign up for CROYA's monthly e-newsletter to receive the "Top 10 Things Happening at CROYA".

GORTON: Two events, a Kids Only Holiday Shop and a Family Christmas Celebration that we have coming up in December. See below for details.

Also, our Holiday Shop is in need of volunteers. We need children, 6th grade and up, to be the Elves to help the children shop and adults to be the wrappers. Volunteer forms pages 4 & 5.

FOR KIDS ONLY! Holiday Shop

2013

A Gorton tradition which at its peak has drawn 300 families and lines around the building starting right after school. Parents love the event because their Christmas gifts are truly a surprise chosen by the child and their children love it because they make the choices and KNOW that their parents, siblings, and grandparents really will have a surprise on Christmas morning.

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| <u>Date:</u> Wednesday, December 4 | 2pm to 6pm | HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN |
| Tuesday, December 3 | 6:30pm to 7:30pm | elf and head wrappers orientation |

Purpose:

Provide a fun, independent Christmas gift buying experience for young children (4 to 10) without parent supervision/input.

Process:

- Parents bring children to main floor of Gorton, where they check in. Parents provide children with money to spend and then enjoy a cup of tea or can browse the adult holiday shop located in the Drop-In Center.
- Children are assigned an "elf" (teen volunteer) to guide them through the Stuart room where local stores/craftsmen have set up mini stores with gifts \$10 and under, tax included. The elf helps the child purchase gifts within their budget and then escorts the child to Gorton's lower level where wrappers wrap and tag gifts. Elf escorts child back to parent.

A Family Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 22nd at 4 PM

Gorton Center and the North Suburban Symphony invite you to celebrate Christmastime at Gorton. Cozy up with family and friends and enjoy beautiful Christmas music from the North Suburban Symphony. This is a holiday event you don't want to miss!

All are welcome! Bring your best caroling voices and a festive smile to get in the holiday spirit with the entire community, because creating lasting memories with people you love really is the Reason for the Season. Holiday Shop for Kids is Wednesday, December 4th from 2-6.

Be a Volunteer for Gorton's Holiday Shops!

Day(s): Wednesday, December 4

Time(s): Two shifts: 1:45 pm to 3:45 pm or 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm

Location: Gorton Community Center



**We are bringing back the Kids Only Holiday Shop!
Be part of a magical day for our children.**

Santa's Helpers will guide children holiday shopping for the entire family. Local vendors and talented artisans will feature items all \$10 or under (and that includes tax). Help children experience the gift of independence and the joy of giving.

Our adult volunteers will be Wonder Wrappers to make sure each purchase is wrapped and ready for under-the-tree.

If you are a teen who would be interested in volunteering as one of Santa's Helpers, please fill out the teen volunteer form (on page 5).

If you are an adult who would like to be a Wonder Wrapper, please fill out our adult volunteer form (on page 4).

Please return forms to tricia@gortoncenter.org, fax to 847-234-4715 or mail to Tricia Sweet at 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045 as soon as possible.

If you are interested, please call us at 847-234-6060



GCC HOLIDAY SHOP VOLUNTEER FORM – Wonder Wrappers (18 years old and over)

GCC HOLIDAY SHOP LOCATION

Gorton Community Center
400 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest
847-234-6060
Contacts: Tricia Sweet and Mercedes Logan

DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th
1:45 p.m.–4:15 p.m. OR 3:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. You are 18 years or older.
2. You are able to work one 2 ½-hour shift.
3. Please arrive promptly for shopping event.

Name _____

Address, City, Zip Code _____

Phone Contact _____

Email (you will receive confirmation by email) _____

Preferred Shift: **1:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

3:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Please print name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Please e-mail form to tricia@gortoncenter.org , fax to 847-234-4715 or drop off your form at Gorton Community Center. Thank you for volunteering.



GCC HOLIDAY SHOP VOLUNTEER FORM- Santa's Helpers

GCC HOLIDAY SHOP LOCATION

Gorton Community Center
400 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest
847-234-6060

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. OR 3:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. ORIENTATION**

REQUIREMENTS:

4. You are entering 7th grade this fall.
5. You are able to work one 2 ½-hour shifts
6. Please arrive promptly for both orientation and shopping day at the above times.

Name _____ Any allergies _____

Grade/Age _____ School _____

Address, City, Zip Code _____

Email (you will receive confirmation by email) _____

Preferred Shift: **1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.**
3:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

In case of an emergency, I authorize my child (children) listed above to receive medical treatment at the nearest medical facility if needed.

Please print name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

****As a parent or guardian of this child, I give my permission for his/her participation as a volunteer at GCC Holiday Shop for Kids. I also give permission for group photographs and/or video to be taken and used for Gorton's website and occasional newspaper articles.**

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Please return to tricia@gortoncenter.org or fax to 847-234-4715

LAKE FOREST RECREATION:

WORKSHOPS

- **Keepsake Ceramic Christmas Ornaments – Dec. 2, 2013**

This workshop will have the children hand build ceramic candy canes, and rolling out a variety of holiday shaped ornaments such as gingerbread boys/girls, Christmas trees, stars and lots more. For more information, contact Joe Mobile, Program Manager at 847-810-3941. This class is held at Stirling Hall Art Center and is for children grades 1st – 5th. Code #32472

- **Santa's Workshop – Dec. 7, 2013**

Ho Ho Ho and a bundle of fun! This is your little one's chance to play Mr. or Ms. Claus. Your child, ages 4 – 7 years old, will have the opportunity to share in the season of giving through creating gifts for those closest to them. We will also create cards and wrapping paper. For more information contact Christine Faudel, Program Coordinator at 847-810-3955. Code #32466

- **Cookie Capers – Dec. 7, 2013**

Ready, Set, Bake! The afternoon will be spent creating merrymaking masterpieces of the most delicious kind. For more information contact Christine Faudel, Program Coordinator at 847-810-3955. Code #32467

- **Wreath Making Workshop – Dec. 10, 2013**

Get into the holiday spirit while you have fun assembling your very own wreath. For more information, contact Joe Mobile, Program Manager at 847-810-3941. This class is held at Stirling Hall Art Center and is for children grades 1st – 5th. Code #32473

ANNUAL HOLIDAY ART SALE – Dec. 6-8, 2013

Just in time for holiday gift giving, you can meet the artists in person and come away with some unique and beautiful gifts for everyone on your list! Choose from one of kind items of pottery, jewelry, glass, paintings and more. The sale is at Stirling Hall Arts and Activities Center, 60 E. Old Mill Road, offering an opening reception on Dec. 6th, 6:00-9:00pm and the sale on Dec. 7th and 8th, 10:00am-4:00pm. For more information contact Joe Mobile at 847-810-3941.

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN!

Santa will be visiting families in Lake Forest on December 7 and 24. Imagine the smiles on the faces as Santa comes knocking on your door! Children will delight in a visit from this very special person this holiday! Sign up for the visits online at www.LFRec.com. If a visit from Santa is too much, then how about a phone call? Let your child experience the joy of hearing Santa's voice and watch the magic of the holiday season fill their hearts. Santa will be making his annual phone calls to children to find out what is on their list. Sign up today at www.LFRec.com or for more information; contact Recreation Department at 847-234-6700.

HOLIDAY EXTRAVA-DANCE-A - Saturday, Dec. 14th 4:00pm

Kick off your holiday season with swinging Santa's, a Rockette kick-line and so much more! Join the Performance Companies of Lake Forest Dance Academy as they present a holiday show for all ages. In addition to the performance,

there will be a bake sale and a Gingerbread House Raffle. Tickets available at the door for \$5.00 For more information contact Sandy Ragsdale at 847-810-3948.

LF/LB LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION:



No Report Submitted.

LAKE FOREST OPEN LANDS

No Report Submitted.