

Sixty-five (65) Long Beach residents representing neighborhood organizations and charities attended the Neighborhood Resource Center's "Meet the Funders Workshop" on Monday, June 29, 2009.



Luis Guzman, Manager of Daphne's Greek Café, Maddie Hill and Kate Snowden, Managers of two different Long Beach Jamba Juice locations, and Barbara Paletta, Manager of Krispy Kreme, talked about their fundraising programs. All the presenters served the participants with delicious samples, including Greek food, fruit smoothies and Krispy Kreme donuts. These businesses support the Long Beach community by providing charitable organizations with fun and easy ways to reach their fundraising goals. For more information, contact:

Daphne's Greek Café (Luis Guzman: (562) 627-3966), [www.daphnesgreekcafe.com/](http://www.daphnesgreekcafe.com/)

Jamba Juice Community Programs (Maddie Hill: (562) 987-2500)  
[www.jambajuice.com/community\\_events#/home/](http://www.jambajuice.com/community_events#/home/)

Krispy Kreme Fundraising (Barbara Paletta: (562) 494-4662), [www.krispykreme.com](http://www.krispykreme.com)

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Forty-five (45) Long Beach residents attended a grant-writing workshop, Wednesday, July 15, 2009 hosted by the Neighborhood Resource Center. This annual workshop was presented by Dr. Daniel M. Barber, Professor Emeritus at the Graduate Center for Public Policy/Administration at California State University, Long Beach, and Founder of Grantwriters.com and author of Finding Funding: The Comprehensive Guide to Grant Writing. Dr. Barber presented his popular "sold-out" workshop in his fun, engaging and entertaining style.



In a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Barber gave an overview of key terms used in grant and proposal writing, how to prepare to write a proposal, how to respond to the request for a proposal, and offered tips for effective grant writing.

Dr. Barber noted that because foundation resources are declining, it is important to recognize that foundations are open to discussing future support projects despite current grantmaking limitations. He encouraged organizations to approach them now to discuss how they can work with a given foundation on specific programs they are planning in the future.

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The Neighborhood Resource Center hosted an introductory workshop about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of Long Beach on Monday, August 3, 2009. Josh Johnson, Coordinator for CERT, Long Beach Fire Department, and Eric Pieper, Emergency and Disaster Management Consultant and Neighborhood Leadership Program Class of 2008 Graduate, presented the workshop.



Mr. Johnson's PowerPoint presentation gave an overview of the CERT program of Long Beach, which is a training course designed to help residents be prepared in the event of a community emergency or disaster. The free CERT program is 22 hours of classroom and hands-on training. Residents will learn about safety and disaster-preparedness topics,

including:

- Introduction to Disaster Response and Team Organization
- First Aid in Disasters
- Fire Suppression
- Light Search and Rescue
- Assembling and Storing Disaster Supply Kits

For more information about CERT classes, contact: Josh Johnson, CERT Coordinator  
[Joshua.Johnson@longbeach.gov](mailto:Joshua.Johnson@longbeach.gov) or (562) 570-2525

Eric Pieper's PowerPoint presentation focused on the importance of being prepared for an emergency or disaster. Residents must be proactive in researching how to make a personal emergency plan for their families and what supplies they will need to be self-sufficient for 3 to 5 days.

Pieper pointed out that there is a worldwide health emergency threatening us right now. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is forecasting that in the next two years, 40% of the population in the United States will be sickened or die from the H1N1 (Swine Flu) Influenza. This will have a profound affect on hospitals, medical communities, schools and the workplace.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan joined August 4, 2009 with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases Dr. Anne Schuchat to discuss H1N1 preparedness and answer questions from the public.

For more information on H1N1, visit: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
<http://www.hhs.gov/>

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On Tuesday, August 4, 2009 the Neighborhood Services Bureau held the twelfth and final session of the Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP) Class of 2009 in Long Beach City Hall Council Chambers and the Long Beach Main Public Library. During this class session, NLP participant Patrick Bolden, represented the Neighborhood Leadership Program Class of 2009 in addressing Mayor Bob Foster and the City Council to showcase the Class of 2009 accomplishments and community projects. His speech highlighted the importance and value of the program in giving him grant writing, public speaking, conflict resolution skills and knowledge of City resources in order to enhance the quality of life in Long Beach neighborhoods. The entire City Council and Mayor posed for a photograph with the Class of 2009. A special tour of the Mayor and City Council offices on the 14th floor of City Hall was provided by NLP alumni Jerry Caliguiri (Class of 1997) of Vice Mayor Lerch's office and Ricardo Linares (Class of 2004) of Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga's office. Both Jerry and Ricardo shared how their experience in the Neighborhood Leadership Program assisted in their development as community leaders and City Council staff. Dedicated volunteer and official NLP Photographer Will Cullen (Class of 2006) took photos of the entire Class of 2009 all four class project teams for graduation. The latter half of the session focused on graduation preparations, a post-survey of participants and a debrief of the program with participants.

The Neighborhood Leadership Program is partially funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and is free to participants. The Neighborhood Leadership Program is a nationally recognized multi-lingual, multi-cultural program. The program has been offered by the City of Long Beach, Neighborhood Services Bureau for the past sixteen years and 417 graduates have completed this intensive program. Graduation ceremonies will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2009. A list of residents interested in participating in the Class of 2010 is now forming. For more information, please call (562) 570-1010 or e-mail [Francisco.Rodriguez@longbeach.gov](mailto:Francisco.Rodriguez@longbeach.gov).



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On Wednesday, August 8, 2009, the City of Long Beach Community Development's Long Beach Family Safety Initiative Program and the Willmore Community Police Center hosted an educational workshop on child passenger car safety. Five families attended and were informed about the California laws pertaining to children riding in motor vehicles. In addition, information was provided on how to select car seats that best fit their child and the vehicle. For more information, contact Teresa Gonzalez at [teresa.gonzalez@longbeach.com](mailto:teresa.gonzalez@longbeach.com).



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A very successful clean up was held on Saturday, August 8, 2009 in the Lower West Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) area. This clean up was organized by the Neighborhood Services Bureau, Madres Unidas Group and community members from the area. Event boundaries were from Santa Fe Avenue to the 710 Fwy and from Pacific Coast Hwy to 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The City Of Long Beach Environmental Services Bureau provided with a pick up truck to assist in removing over 8 tons of trash, debris and illegally dumped items for the streets and alleys. For more information contact Teresa Gonzalez at 570-1146 or [teresa.gonzalez@longbeach.gov](mailto:teresa.gonzalez@longbeach.gov).



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