

Operation Teddy Bear



The Volunteer Center
2023 - 2024

Program Overview

Operation Teddy Bear is a program that focuses on under-resourced first-graders at elementary schools with a high percentage of children eligible for the Free and Reduced Meal Program as part of the Federal Title One program. The Los Angeles and Long Beach Unified School Districts both report approximately 72% of the enrolled students live at or below the poverty line. Poverty causes many students to arrive at school without adequate educational supplies, hygiene items, or nutrition to begin their day.

Operation Teddy Bear helps address these challenges by setting an annual goal to distribute literacy school bags to over 4,000 children. Each brightly colored school bag includes reading books, STEM kit, coloring book, learning clock, math tool, pencils, crayons, a toothbrush, and a Teddy Bear. When the gifts are delivered to a classroom, volunteers also take the time to visit and read stories to the children.



The volunteers share how volunteering is important for the community using our self-published “Teddy Beary Tales,” which teaches the children that volunteering benefits both the giver and receiver.

Operation Teddy Bear’s goals are to:

- Promote literacy and education
- Support teachers by providing enhancement tools and materials
- Deliver critical educational tools and materials to disadvantaged students

The Data

Schools



Classrooms



Districts



Books & Magazine



Volunteers



Volunteer Hours



Literacy Bags



Operation Teddy Bear Recipients

Compton Unified School District

- Anderson Elementary
- Bunche Elementary
- Clinton Elementary
- Emerson Elementary
- Laurel Street Elementary
- Longfellow Elementary
- Roosevelt Elementary
- Oropeza Elementary
- Roosevelt Elementary
- Smith Elementary
- Starr King Elementary
- Stevenson Elementary
- Tincher Preparatory
- Webster Elementary
- Whittier Elementary

Lennox Unified School District

- Felton Elementary

Long Beach Unified School District

- Bret Harte Elementary
- Burbank Elementary
- Burcham Elementary
- Colin Powell Academy for Success
- Dooley Elementary
- Fremont Elementary
- Garfield Elementary
- Grant Elementary
- Holmes Elementary
- Hudson Elementary
- Jackie Robinson Academy
- Jane Addams Elementary
- Lafayette Elementary
- Lincoln Elementary
- Mark Twain Elementary

Los Angeles Unified School District

- 186th Street Elementary
- Amestoy Elementary
- Barton Hill Elementary
- Cabrillo Elementary
- Catskill Avenue Elementary
- Denker Avenue Elementary
- Dominguez Elementary
- Fries Avenue Elementary
- Gardena Elementary
- Gulf Avenue Elementary
- Harry Bridges Span School
- Hawaiian Avenue Elementary
- Normont Elementary
- Wilmington Park Elementary

Torrance Unified School District

- Carr Elementary
- Edison Elementary
- Torrance Elementary

Bag Packing!





Classroom Readings







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Join us next year for the

30th year

of

OPERATION TEDDY BEAR

Help make our 30th year of OTB a massive success by partnering with us in the following ways:

- Connect us with corporate sponsors
- Donate items for the bags
- Volunteer to pack
- Volunteer to read

Keep an eye out for more information this coming year!



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