Holiday TrainFest and Toy Drive to Brighten Spirits at Los Angeles Union Station

Public invited to share holiday cheer at free event on Dec. 16 supporting Toys for Tots, featuring historic steam locomotive, rail car display, and visit from Santa Claus

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- The public is invited to celebrate the spirit of the season and help those in need at the Holiday TrainFest and Toy Drive at Los Angeles Union Station on December 16, 2017.

The free, family-friendly event will take place from 4-8 p.m. on Track 14 at Los Angeles Union Station, located at 800 N. Alameda St. in Los Angeles. Event highlights include holiday refreshments, a visit from Santa Claus, vintage rail cars, and an 874,346-pound steam locomotive decked out for the holidays. Staff will collect donations of new, unwrapped toys in support of Toys for Tots and socks to assist the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. Last year's inaugural Holiday TrainFest drew families from across Southern California and more than 1,200 toys were collected. This year's event will continue to support those in need during the holidays.

Attendees will be able to:

- See the historic Santa Fe 3751 steam locomotive
- Tour vintage, decorated rail cars from the 1940s & 1950s
- Explore Amtrak® and Metrolink train cars
- Enjoy holiday refreshments, including hot cocoa and cookies, and holiday music
- Meet local police and firefighters and see a vintage 1930s-era fire engine, and
- Visit with Santa Claus

The Holiday TrainFest and Toy Drive is presented by the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency and Amtrak® Pacific Surfliner® in partnership with Metrolink, the San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society, L.A. Rail, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Morlin Asset Management and Toys for Tots.

Participants can travel to the event by train from points throughout southernCalifornia. Visit <u>PacificSurfliner.com</u> or <u>MetrolinkTrains.com</u> for additional information, including schedules and fares.

For more information about the Holiday TrainFest and Toy Drive at Los Angeles Union Station, visit PacificSurfliner.com/TrainFest.

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