



# Perris Press Release

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## Kids of All Ages Enjoy Breakfast With Santa

More than 150 people took turns visiting Santa at the Perris Senior/Teen Center last weekend, explaining why they were nice, not naughty, and telling him what sorts of presents they would like to see under the tree this year.

The City of Perris' annual "Breakfast With Santa" always draws a large crowd eager to enjoy a tasty breakfast of bacon and sausage with eggs and hot chocolate along with a photo of Jolly Old St. Nick. Parents and grandparents enjoy the festivities as much as toddlers and school kids.

The guests this year included City Councilwoman Rita Rogers, who brought her 15-month-old grandson, Jordan, to see Santa, and City Councilman Julio Rodriguez, who attended the event as a child.

"It's wonderful that the children get to have an up-close moment with Santa," Rogers said. "It makes for a very exciting Christmas."

Rogers said her shopping list for Jordan includes "anything dealing with Mickey Mouse."

Rodriguez cleaned tables while chatting with parents and their children.

"I love these kinds of events," he said. "They symbolize the kind of Perris we live in—a community that is one big cohesive family that loves one another."

Visitors awaiting their time with Santa related the hot-selling items for 2012. Those include tablets, video games like Black Ops 2 and World of Warcraft, Monster High Dolls, Brady Bunch figures, Skinny Jeans, iPods and Legos.

Allison Grayson and her family take part in Breakfast With Santa every year. She brought her sons, Wyatt, 11, and Riley, 9, and daughter Ella Kay, 7.

"This is a great place to see Santa," Grayson said. "It's comfortable and safe. I am not freaking out like I would be at the mall. It's casual and welcoming. This event allows neighbors to come together and become friends."

Theresa and Luis Quinones said they wouldn't miss Breakfast With Santa either. The couple brought their children, Lillian, 5, Natalie, 2, and Roxie, 1. Both parents said they appreciate the City of Perris for sponsoring the event.

"The City cares about the community and its children, who have such a great time," said Theresa Quinones. "I just love to see the smiles on their faces."

Luis Quinones noted another advantage.

"No messy dishes," he said. "You get to leave it all here."

Maribel Nava came with her parents, nephews, nieces and children. She told Santa Nintendo DS and boots are high on her family's

shopping list. Nava said her children take part in several City-offered programs—including hip-hop dancing for her daughter, Alejandra, and taekwondo for son, Juan Carlos, 8. The family also includes its youngest, Diego, 1.

"We love the City of Perris," Nava said. "We always participate in its events. We all get together as a family."



Perris resident Luis Quinones and daughter, Roxie, 1, are all smiles at the recent Breakfast With Santa event in Perris.



Siblings Ella Kay Grayson, 7, and her brothers, Riley, 9, and Wyatt, 11, with Santa Claus at the Perris Senior/Teen Center.



Perris City Councilwoman Rita Rogers and her grandson, Jordan, 15 months, chat with Santa. Jordan's wish: anything with Mickey Mouse.



Perris City Councilman Julio Rodriguez chats with Sabrina Chavez, City Housing Manager and Assistant Director of Community Services during Breakfast With Santa.