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Breakfast with Santa Event Fun for the Whole Family



Perris resident Christina Rodriguez attended the Dec. 15 Breakfast with Santa with her daughter, Lilly Jimenez, 4, and son, Emiliano Jimenez, four months.

The City of Perris' largest-ever Breakfast with Santa offered something for everyone.

It was the time to eat a delicious meal complete with ham and sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes, fruit and yogurt.

There was the chance to snap a photo with Santa and for youngsters to point out to St. Nick that they've been nice, not naughty, and to make their pitch for their favorite toys. This year's A-list gifts include My Little Pony House, My Little Pony Castle, Junie B. Jones books, Shopkins along with old favorites like dolls and dirt bikes, Hot Wheels and superheroes, electronic games and tablets, soccer and football and replica uniforms.

The 2018 Breakfast with Santa drew 300 people to the Bob Glass Gymnasium.



Perris City Clerk Nancy Salazar and her daughter, Khloe, 8, are all smiles as they enjoy Breakfast with Santa.

The City was well-represented. Perris Mayor Michael Vargas, Mayor Pro-Tem Malcolm Corona, City Council women Marisela Magana and Rita Rogers, City Councilman David Starr Rabb and City Clerk Nancy Salazar all came out to show their support. City Manager Richard Belmudez, Director of Community Services Sabrina Chavez, Administrative Services Director Isabel Carlos and Economic Development Director Grace Williams also attended.

"There is nothing more exciting than to see all these little children with happy smiles when Santa Claus comes in," said Vargas, whose six grandchildren took part in the event. "Christmas is a big time for everybody. This is one of the best things we can do for our community. It's important because it's all about community engagement."

Corona came with his wife, Mila, and son, Malcolm, 4. The little guy's getting a drum set for Christmas.

"Our City is committed to giving back to its residents and this is one of the programs that is great for families," he said. "Our staff does a great job. This is a great event."



Perris Mayor Pro-Tem Malcolm Corona and City Councilwoman Marisela Magana pose for a photo with Santa and his elves during the Dec. 15 Breakfast with Santa at the Bob Glass Gymnasium.

Perfect environment, perfect event

Magana said the decorations and atmosphere created a perfect Christmas celebration.

"You can feel the spirit of Christmas all over," she said. "I love seeing Santa and his helpers. None of this would be possible without the hard-working City staff. It's important to provide a sense of community to our residents and this event does it."



Perris Mayor Michael Vargas (left) and his wife, Julie (second from right) with their six grandchildren at the annual Breakfast with Santa, which drew a record attendance of 300.

Asked what she wanted for Christmas, Magana replied: "My heart is filled. I ask nothing."

Rabb called Breakfast with Santa "a great event" that shows Perris residents "we are invested in giving them something wonderful to do in our community."

Rogers attended Breakfast with Santa with her grandson, Jordan, 7. It was his sixth time.



Perris City Councilwoman Rita Rogers with grandson, Jordan, 7, at Breakfast with Santa.

"It's important because families get to come together to share a nice breakfast and celebrate the glorious season of Christmas," Rogers said.

Jordan offered his Christmas list: a dirt bike and alarm clock were high on it.

Salazar came with her daughter, Khloe, 8.



Festive decorations and a snow-making machine help set the mood for the annual City of Perris Breakfast with Santa.

"Seeing kids so excited to visit Santa is what makes this event so special," Salazar said. "Breakfast with Santa continues the spirit of Christmas."

Happy children, happy parents

Mario Gutierrez came to Breakfast with Santa with son, Michael, 6, and daughter, Zoey, 3. Zoey wants a kitchen set. Michael's wish list: toy cars and trucks. Dad's desire: seeing the family healthy and happy and enjoying Breakfast with Santa.



Hard-working Perris staff members take time for a photo with St. Nick during the annual Breakfast with Santa Dec. 15 at the Bob Glass Gymnasium.

"It's great spending time with them at this great event," Gutierrez said. "The City of Perris hosts a lot of great events for family and kids. I like that."

Christina Rodriguez attended her first Breakfast with Santa with her children, Lilly Jimenez, 4, and Emiliano Jimenez, four months. He rolled in a baby carriage. Older sister's wish list included a Pony Castle and Pony House and a horse.

"I really like how pretty the gym looks!" Rodriguez said. "My daughter's looking forward to seeing Santa today. See the children happy and having fun—that's the icing on the cake. That makes it all worthwhile."

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