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CHAMPS GIVE BACK FOR “DIA DE LOS REYES MAGOS”

Para Los Niños preschoolers meet World Boxing Hall of Fame champions and receive toys “from three wise men”

- WHO:** World Boxing Hall of Fame Champions Ponce DeLeon and Israel Vasquez
World Boxing Hall of Fame President Adolfo Perez
75 Para Los Niños preschoolers
- WHAT:** The World Boxing Hall of Fame to present Para Los Niños children with toys in honor of Dia de Los Reyes Magos – a traditional Mexican holiday celebrating the three wise men’s arrival in Bethlehem, baring gifts for the baby Jesus. Children will get to meet with the boxers at school and celebrate with a generous gift of toys for the pre-school children.
- WHERE:** The Para Los Niños/S. Mark Taper Child and Family Center
234 S. Loma Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90026
- WHEN:** Friday, January 11, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

The Para Los Niños/S. Mark Taper Child and Family Center, one of the organization’s seven child development centers, provides holistic, family-centered care to impoverished children and their families in the Pico-Union community. In three safe and nurturing classrooms, 120 children ages three to five attend the highest-quality, academically-enriched half-day preschool.

The World Boxing Hall of Fame’s purpose is to inform the general public of noteworthy professional boxers and of the history and background of professional boxing. In addition, the organization recognizes and honors great former professional boxers who have displayed outstanding ability in the sport, who have distinguished themselves in the boxing ring, and who have contributed to the history of the sport.

Para Los Niños opened its doors in 1980 in response to the plight of children living in Skid Row hotels. Initially, 45 children received care at the agency; today, in its 28th year of operation, Para Los Niños assists 3,500 low-income children each day and 5,000 families every year from 24 sites in some of Southern California’s most economically challenged neighborhoods. The agency’s core services include early child development and education, a Charter School (K-5), after-school enrichment, youth diversion and delinquency prevention, youth workforce services, and a life skills training and academic assistance program for transitioning foster youth. In addition, Para Los Niños offers support to at-risk families, including child abuse prevention and intervention, mental health services and comprehensive family support. For more information, visit www.paralosninos.org

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