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## Young Souls, Big Hearts; Our Youth Helping Those in Need

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Recently, my son wanted to do something to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. My son, Nicholas Imbriale, has watched news footage and was saddened to see all the destruction, human tragedy and animal despair. We decided the best way to help those in



Tony Jimenez, Nicholas Imbriale, Tess Davies, Angelica Jimenez

need was to raise money for the victims, by having a lemonade stand.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, on the corner of McConnell Ave. & 85th, the kids enjoyed the positive response from our Westchester community. The children involved were Nicholas Imbriale, Tony and Angelica Jimenez, Tess Davies, Rachel Leamy and Cade Cressman, all students from Visitation School. They made colorful signs and it didn't take long for people to open their wallets. They sold lemonade, bottled water, cookies, assorted donuts, chips and cheese and crackers.

The kids were eager to help and provided excellent service. To attract more people, Nicholas brought out his electric guitar and plugged in his amp. The kids started playing tunes on guitars, sang self-composed songs about Hurricane Katrina, waved American Flags in the air and danced around. People

were quite taken to all their excitement, we opened at 10:30 a.m. and by noon, the kids had raised over \$300.

Neighbors appreciated the children's concern and willingness to help those in need. We planned to donate the money to the Red Cross, a portion to the SPCA and also to Visitation, to which the church would distribute accordingly. Some comments were: "You kids are doing a wonderful thing!", "It's nice to see kids helping out", "The money you raise will really help those in need", "Thanks for having such big hearts" and "The world needs more children like you".

I also called my fellow moms and started a phone chain, calling everyone we knew. Families came before and after soccer games or just came by to give their support. The children were amazed to receive three donations of



Rachel Leamy, Angelica Jimenez, Tess Davies

\$100.00 dollars each.

By the time we decided to close down shop, the children had raised \$718. WOW! Our Westchester Community is filled with caring and loving people and families. A few people that donated money were in tears saying that they had either family or friends affected by the hurricane. I am so proud of the children and their big hearts.

## LMU Names Ruth Galanter Distinguished Scholar in Los Angeles Urban Research

Ruth Galanter, who served the City of Los Angeles for 16 years as councilmember, has been named Distinguished Scholar in Los Angeles Urban Research, announced Loyola Marymount University. Galanter will lecture at LMU during the 2005-06 school year in several undergraduate urban issues courses.

"I am delighted that LMU students and faculty are so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with and learn from such a significant civic leader as Ruth Galanter," said Michael Engh, S.J., Dean of LMU's Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts. "Ms. Galanter's broad experience in the many issues facing Los Angeles will enrich our curriculum and campus discussions."

Galanter's main role as Distinguished Scholar in Los Angeles Urban Research will be to serve as a resource for faculty and students by assisting professors, speaking in class, helping develop courses and supervising students in their independent research studies, said Engh.

Galanter's lectures at LMU will cover subjects such as community development, environmental planning and urban physical environment, among others. She will provide LMU students with her first-hand knowledge of urban issues and her hands-on experience in civic leadership.

Galanter also will supervise student research, which is a strong component within the urban studies program, known for its undergraduate research projects. Galanter will be involved in other LMU events throughout the year, such as the annual Bellarmine Forum in November, which are open to the public.



Ruth Galanter

During her four terms as a councilmember, Galanter served as council president and president pro tem as well as chair of the commerce, energy and natural resources committee, overseeing the Departments of Harbor, Airports, and Water and Power.

Prior to her election to the city council, Galanter served as a coastal commissioner and worked in public health as the editor of the Health Law Newsletter. Currently, as head of the consulting firm Galanter and Company, she concentrates on issues of land-use development, infrastructure and political strategy.

About Loyola Marymount University Founded in 1911, Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles is the eighth largest of the nation's 28 Jesuit universities with nearly 5,400 undergraduate students and 3,000 graduate and law students. LMU generates more than \$250 million annually in direct economic activity and supports more than 8,300 full-time, permanent jobs.



The Y's Men, and Women, team up with Youth and Government to serve pancakes to the community.

## Y's Men's Pancake Breakfast

The Westchester Y's Men's (and Women's) Club will be flipping pancakes on the Westchester YMCA's back lot Saturday, October 15th to raise money in support of the Westchester Y's Youth, Building and other worthy programs. Join us for a breakfast of big, yummy pancakes, plump sausages, or orange juice and coffee. The \$4.00 cost is nominal.

For over 50 years, the Westchester Y's Men's Club has been a support group for the Westchester YMCA. In the past 10 years, over \$175,000 has been contributed to Youth in Government, YMCA Youth and Campership programs, Scholarship Funds and Golf Tournaments.

Y's Men serve on the Board of Managers and as campaign team captains for the Y's annual fundraising campaign.

Additionally, Y's Men (and Women) contribute time and labor to the maintenance of the Y's physical structure, including roof repairs, parking lot resurfacing, interior painting and repair work at various camps.

Other contributions include the Airport Marina Counseling Service, National and International Y's Men's Clubs.

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