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**BOMA/GLA Hosts 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Drive for Underprivileged Children**  
***Spreading the Local Advocacy Organization's Cheer to 12 Deserving Charities***

(Los Angeles, CA — September 16, 2008) The Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles (BOMA/GLA) will host its 17<sup>th</sup> annual toy, food and clothing drive this holiday season, spreading the premier advocacy organization's philanthropic efforts, to more than 12 highly commendable and deserving charities in the region.

Co-chaired by Debi Olcese of Cal Protection and Maureen Quintanar of Irvine Company, the highly acclaimed drive will commence in selected buildings on November 10, 2008 and conclude on December 12, 2008. Olcese has been working on the drive, since its inception in 1991, and Quintanar has been involved since 2005.

"We identified the need years ago and realized how many young, deserving homeless and at-risk lives would be touched by a holiday drive. Everyone benefits from this drive and BOMA/GLA makes it easy for everyone to reach out and participate," said co-chair Debi Olcese.

According to the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC), there are currently 68,608 homeless people through the Greater Los Angeles region. Approximately, more than 15% of these, or 10,100 are children.

"Giving to those not as fortunate during this holiday season, especially young children, is very important to BOMA/GLA. It brings such gratification and contentment to our participating tenants, knowing that their donations can bring smiles to thousands of deserving kids," said Joseph W. Markling, Chairman of the Board of BOMA/GLA and a member of BOMA International's Executive Committee.

More than 200 office buildings throughout the Greater Los Angeles area will participate in this year's drive. To accept donations from the tenants of the buildings, collection receptacles with festive holiday décor, will be placed in the lobbies and management offices.

"Last year alone, the holiday drive enabled BOMA/GLA to provide the participating charities with more than 10,000 toys, three tons of food and 5,000 clothing items. Imagine what we can do this year with everyone's participation," said co-chair Quintanar.

Once all of the items are sorted and distributed, donations of new non-violent toys, food and clothing will benefit the following Los Angeles-based charities: One Voice, El Centro del Pueblo, Children Today, Vista del mar, Ocean Park, Community Center, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles, Jeffrey Foundation, Aviva Family and Children's Services, Central City Community Health Center, Carmen Lomas Garza Primary Center, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church and Union Rescue Mission.

To learn more about how to help or donate during the holiday season, call Debi Olcese/Pat Gilbertson of CalProtection at 800-247-6497.

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#### **About BOMA International**

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