

Robert Turner Recieves Award

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Representative and Local 63 Business Agent Robert Turner is the recipient of the Geri Stone AFL-CIO Community Services Award.

Turner was honored for his dedicated and longstanding volunteer service to the program. He was presented with the award at the annual AFL-CIO Community Services Luncheon held on June 2nd at the Dodgers' Stadium Club.

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Turner has been a Teamster

and union activist since 1966. He served as a shop steward for 23 years, and is a past president of the Stewards Council. He has also worked as an organizer, and is politically active working on Get Out the Vote campaigns and opposing anti-labor issues.

Additionally, Turner is one of the founding members of the Teamsters National Black Caucus, a member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and the A. Philip Randolph Institute, where he has held leadership roles in both organizations.

For years he has volunteered countless hours to a variety of community services programs provided through the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor/AFL-CIO.

eral grants, individual contributions and ongoing financial and volunteer support from a large contingent of labor organizations.

"I would like to give a lot of credit to Teamsters Local 63 and Joint Council 42... they are always there to help," Turner pointed out. "But we need more volunteers and donations. A small amount of money and a small amount of your time can make a huge difference."

The annual awards luncheon recognizes labor unions and individuals that support the group's programs. The event also serves as a fund-raiser benefiting the food bank.

"The Teamsters really support the program and this event," Turner added. "It was wonderful to see so many Teamsters in the house."

In addition to the food bank and providing financial aid, the Community Services division provides a wide variety of services including assistance with emergency housing through the Red Cross, financial counseling, and helping families with funeral arrangements.

The group partners with a variety of local organizations to assist as many families as possible. Because some of the money is provided through grants by the federal government, both union and non-union workers are eligible for assistance.

To learn more about the programs provided by the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor and the assessment/application process, visit their web site at launion.org and click on the Community Services button or talk to your Shop Steward.



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Another cause close to his heart is keeping the LA Regional Food Bank stocked.

"People are desperate for items. The workers there are Teamsters, and the beneficiaries of the programs are members," he noted.

Although headed by the LA County Federation of Labor, the Community Services division is in partnership with the United Way. The group depends largely on fed-