

# Easter Basket GiveAway

## 2009

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center was given 52 Easter baskets by Hand in Hand Incorporated to help spread a little holiday joy to our younger consumers and their siblings. The baskets included a variety of water toys, outdoor games, Nerf paddle games and Easter candies. SCLARC also gave out Pokemon toys, Snugglers pillow animals, American Girl books and games as well as sport video games, all of which was donated by JAKKS Cares.



## Holly Robinson Peete Named to Autism Speaks' Board of Directors

Autism Speaks, the nation's largest autism science and advocacy organization, recently announced that Holly Robinson Peete – an actress, author, autism advocate and parent of a son, Rodney, who has autism – has been appointed to its board of directors. Robinson Peete's career as an actress dates back more than two decades and has included starring roles on “21 Jump Street,” “Hangin' With Mr. Cooper,” and “For Your Love.” In 1996, Robinson Peete founded the HollyRod Foundation ([www.hollyrod.org](http://www.hollyrod.org)), whose mission is to help improve the quality of life of people dealing with devastating life circumstances. It was inspired by her father's sad but inspiring battle with Parkinson's Disease. Four years later, inspired by her son, hollyrod4kids was formed to focus on children's causes and improving the lives of children affected by circumstances beyond their control. Through hollyrod4kids and her family's personal experiences, Robinson Peete has become an advocate for consistent and reliable education, treatment and support for families affected by autism.