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TALA, CFF Children's Holiday Party to Honor Hal Kaltman

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The **California Fashion Foundation**, the **Cooper Design Space**, the **California Market Center** and the **Textile Association of Los Angeles** will join forces to host a holiday party for children from local organizations and after-school programs, including **Para Los Niños**, the **Dolores Huerta Public School**, the **Boys & Girls Club of Los Angeles** and the **Boys & Girls Club of East Los Angeles**.

The Dec. 11 party will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the penthouse of the Cooper Design Space in downtown Los Angeles.

This is the 66th year TALA will be organizing the party, and this year's event will honor the late Hal Kaltman, a past president of TALA and longtime supporter of the holiday party.

The party will include a luncheon buffet, music and entertainment provided by **Radio Disney** as well as a visit from Santa Claus.

"For some students it will be the only Christmas they will have," said Desiree Manuel, principal of Dolores Huerta Elementary School. Anna Araujo, executive director at the Boys & Girls Clubs of East Los Angeles, added, "Your support gives our kids hope, makes them feel special and shows them they have value."

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"The CMC is so delighted to join forces with leaders in the fashion and textile industries to support our community and these wonderful children," said Gerry Seibel, the CMC's vice president of new business development.

Seibel is on the organizing committee for the event, along with Ann Davis of **Eclat Textiles**; Mark Lesser of **Barbara Lesser Inc.**; Molly Rhodes of the *California Apparel News*; Steve Hirsh and Mona Sangkala of the Cooper Design Space; FIDM's Barbara Bundy; Debra Gold of **Gold & Co.**; and Ilse Metchek and Amy Brown of the CFF, the charitable arm of the **California Fashion Association**.

"The opportunity to bring joy to 200 kids is such a memorable experience for all of us involved," said the Cooper building's Hirsh.

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