



Educating, Empowering and Preparing Communities

The Big Rumble Gives Thanks to Our 2009 Supporters

The Big Rumble would like to express a huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year's events!

From a fabulous Big Rumble Kickoff at City Hall, to a touching Closing Ceremony on the Marina Green, to a "Where Were You In '89?" Block Party in Santa Cruz, it was an exciting event!

Thousands of Bay Area residents came together to remember the significance of the events of 20 years ago and to learn more about how to prep their world. We hope the events and our website will continue to serve as an open and welcome place for folks to share stories, find tips and information, and help create a community of preparedness. Enjoy the photos and videos and sign up to join The Big Rumble Network to receive information and updates on future events!

A special thank you goes out to our Sponsors, Resource Fair Captains, participating Community Organizations and Exhibitors, our sensational Entertainers, and all of the participating cities and their staff. Without all of you, we wouldn't have been able to reach out to our communities in such an effective manner.

Call to Reach Out This Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving originated when one community needed a little extra support from another community over a particularly rough winter.

The Big Rumble encourages you to get to know your neighbors this Thanksgiving. Reach out to those who need a little extra support, and find someone you trust to check in on any children or those with special needs if you're not around.

Simply getting to know your neighbors can go a long way in every day life, but can make an enormous difference when difficult times arise.

Community Member Spotlight: GL Hodge

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Sign up for social media:

The Big Rumble has some exciting happenings on the horizon. Follow us on facebook or twitter to keep posted on our grants, block parties, fairs, and resource updates.



Calling all photos & videos!

We would like to invite you to share your pictures, videos and stories with us by emailing them to info@thebigrumble.org

Preparedness Tip:

Always have a pair of shoes by your bed. Not for more comfortable

Name/Nickname: Gary Lynn Hodge or GL

What preparedness initiatives are you involved with in your neighborhood? I work with the community and help provide preparedness training for earthquakes and other disasters.

And in what capacity are you involved with preparedness in your neighborhood? In collaboration with the Bayview YMCA, I established a contingency plan for the Providence Baptist Church including an emergency shelter and resources for a food bank. I'm committed to bringing the community together to ensure that a situation like Katrina does not happen in the Bayview area.

Do you have any stories of you helping a community member in an emergency situation? I was the Kmart Store Manager at the Compton location during the Rodney King riots. Many merchants were unable to continue business because of damage to their buildings and some employees were afraid to work due to the threat of violence. I managed my team of employees, I personally drove them home and I created shifts for them to watch the store.

The store remained open for business during that tumultuous time with no incidents of violence. My location was so safe that the National Guard chose it for its headquarters. They brought their tanks, machine-guns, and barbed wire to make my store their central command post.

If you have one tip about preparedness to give your neighbors, what would it be? Have one out-of-state contact person that everyone in your family calls to let them know you are safe. You should also take a CPR course – it will save lives.

Request for Preparedness Story

Do you have a story about preparedness that you would like to share? If so, please send them to info@TheBigRumble.org. We are always looking for stories, photos, and videos to share with our community.

Featured Safety Organization



First Aid, CPR and Disaster Preparedness Education – As one of the region's largest educational providers, the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter trains more than 350,000 people each year on lifesaving skills, through

sleepwalking; for being ready if you need to leave in the middle of the night!

Shout-out!

Please enjoy some photos from this year's [Kickoff at San Francisco City Hall!](#) The Big Rumble would like to give a special thank you to Skyler St. John Events for their work with the design and delectable treats.

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community and workplace courses, which are offered in numerous languages.

Each one of us is responsible for preparing ourselves and our community for disasters. If you are interested in getting involved, you can work with the Red Cross to get personally ready, volunteer, create a partnership, or donate. For more information, visit <http://www.redcrossbayarea.org> or call 1-888-4-HELP-BAY.

Photos from Events, Children's Art Photo

From Eugen, a kindergartener in San Francisco: A cityscape drawing and story of earthquakes and fire!



It is 4:35 P.M., I'm in the afterschool program. My name is Eugen. There was just an Earthquake. Our P2S group climbed out the window. We are waiting the yard. Just when I remembered Kevin was in the bathroom.

I told the others and me and my friend outside, Ryan went to rescue him. We went to the bathroom to get him. Right when we went in there was an aftershock. Water slosed out from the toilet. Kevin came out of a stall and said, "What Happened."

We filled him in on what happened. When we opened the doors it wouldn't open. We were stuck in the bathroom. Then we tried to climb out the window it was all rusted so it didn't budge. Finally in a desperate attempt to get out we rammed into the door.

It fell down. We now fared a new hazard. There was a fire separating us from the nearest window and door. I had an idea. I took the garbage can and filled it with water from the bathroom. Ryan helped me pour it we made straight to



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the door.

We finally got out. We told the people outside there was a fire. We ran out of the school just in time. Why? Because there was an aftershock and the part where we were just standing opened a fissure crack.