



December 11 Malibu Rebuilds Community Gathering of Hope – Event Recap

Today, the City of Malibu welcomed fire rebuild families to our final Malibu Fire Rebuilds Community Gathering of the year—a warm, restorative space to connect, reflect, and support one another through the rebuild journey.

The program opened with intentions for community healing, followed by meaningful blessings from our local faith leaders:

- Msgr. Charles Chaffman – Our Lady of Malibu Catholic Church
- Rabbi Marcelo Gindin – Malibu Jewish Center & Synagogue

We were honored to hear heartfelt messages of hope and resilience from community leaders deeply involved in supporting Malibu's recovery:

- Gus Peterson – Malibu Community Long Term Recovery Group
- Shannon Dunn – Boys & Girls Club of Malibu
- Brent Woodworth – Community Brigade
- Wade Major – Malibu Rebuild Taskforce

Community Development Director Yolanda Bundy and Mayor Marianne Riggins also shared sincere closing remarks, offering gratitude and encouragement to families as they continue rebuilding their homes and lives.

After the livestream concluded, families gathered for gingerbread decorating, arts & crafts, a community message wall, and time to connect with one another and with City staff. Staff spent the afternoon engaging directly with residents, offering support, guidance, and moments of comfort.

Thank you to all who joined us—both in person and online. Your resilience and unity continue to inspire Malibu. We look forward to continuing this important work together in the new year.