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Grand Opening at Four Points Swap Meet
to Feature Musical Performance by Gabriel's House Students,
and Girl Scout Blood Drive

PALMDALE – The grand opening ceremony to celebrate the Antelope Valley Swap Meet at Four Points now being open on Saturdays will feature a musical performance from students of the City of Palmdale's Neighborhood House #3, known as "Gabriel's House," a blood drive hosted by Girls Scout Troop #442, and an opportunity drawing fundraiser for "Gabriel's House."

The festivities begin this Saturday, May 16 at 9:30 am at Four Points Swap Meet, 5555 Pearblossom Highway in Palmdale, with the inaugural Ylliana and Akemi's Girl Scout Troop #442 Blood Drive. Attendees may donate blood until 3 pm. All donors will receive an opportunity ticket to win prizes. The first 25 donors will receive \$10 in "swap meet bucks" which can be spent on food, space rental, and admission.

Then at 10 am, as part of the grand opening ceremonies, the Gabriel's House musicians will perform on stage. Mayor Jim Ledford, members of local chambers of commerce and other dignitaries will be in attendance.

Attendees of the swap meet on both Saturday and Sunday will have the chance to purchase opportunity tickets to win one of more than 30 various themed gift baskets. The winning names will be drawn on Sunday at 3 pm. Winners need not be present to claim prizes.

For more information, please contact the Antelope Valley Swap Meet at 661/273-0456

About Gabriel's House

The Palmdale City Council voted unanimously to approve the dedication of a home in Focus Neighborhood 3 and name it "Gabriel's House" in memory of eight-year-old Gabriel Fernandez who was tragically killed. Working with local partners, "Gabriel's House" is serving as a free music and performing arts program provided by the City of Palmdale to offer children the opportunity to develop their creative talents free of charge. Gabriel's House provides guitar, drum, hip hop dance, folklorico dance, photography, filmmaking and pencil art. These classes and the necessary instruments, dance shoes or art supplies are provided free to children between the ages of 5 years old and 18 years old. This program is geared to families who ordinarily do not have the means to provide this kind of enrichment. Children involved in art programs do better in school and better in society. Twice a year (spring and fall) Gabriel's House has a recital so the kids can show off their talents and progress. At this time, all the classes are full and waiting lists have formed for the next sessions. Gabriel's House is constantly recruiting volunteers who can provide more classes.