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City of Palmdale to Host “Take a Stand Against Bullying” Interactive Workshops at Neighborhood Houses

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale, in partnership with Best Start and Girls Scout Gold Award candidate Jo Barrera, will present a series of interactive anti-bullying workshops titled “Take a Stand Against Bullying,” designed for students in grades 5 through 12 and their parents.

The interactive workshops for youth will cover the types of bullying, bullying prevention, methods of protection and ways to take action against bullying. Interactive stations and snacks will be part of the event.

Parent workshops led by Best Start will be presented in English and Spanish and will cover how bullying affects children, tools to combat bullying and resources for those affected by bullying.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

Sat., July 25, 9-11 am, Yucca Neighborhood House, 503 E. Ave. Q-3

Sat., Aug. 15, 9-11 am, Manzanita Neighborhood House, 38627 32nd St. E.

Sat., Aug. 22, 9-11 am, Tumbleweed Neighborhood House, 1129 E. Ave. R-4

“This is yet another excellent example of how the City of Palmdale and those in our community who truly want to make a difference can collaborate to make a neighborhood stronger and better,” said Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford.

“As someone who was bullied when I was younger, I appreciate this collaboration to discuss an important topic,” said Councilmember Fred Thompson.

Barrera, a Senior Girls Scout in Troop 9022, is in pursuit of the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, and partnered with the City to host the workshops.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is a national award with significant standards that elevate a girl's leadership skills, creativity, value, and efforts to make the world a better place. Earning the Gold Award requires spending at least 80 hours planning and implementing a challenging, large-scale project that is innovative, engages others, and has a lasting impact on its targeted community. The prestigious award recognizes Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts—girls in ninth through 12th grades—for outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development.

Nationwide, only six percent of all eligible Girl Scouts achieve the Gold Award. Approximately one million Girl Scouts have earned their Gold Award or its equivalent since 1916. Girls who earn their Girl Scout Gold Award automatically enter the military one rank higher, and qualify for college scholarships, and additional national service awards.

For more information on the workshops, please call 661/267-5126.