

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CITY OF PALMDALE

NEWS RELEASE

CONTACT: John Mlynar
PHONE: 661/267-5115
DATE: February 20, 2014

Warnack Foundation Kick Starts Palmdale Community Garden

PALMDALE – Work on the City of Palmdale’s first community garden, located at the Yucca Neighborhood House on East Ave. Q-3 in Palmdale, will get underway this Saturday thanks to the hard work of City staff and community volunteers, as well as a generous donation by the Warnack Foundation.

Founded by businessman and philanthropist A.C. Warnack and wife Shaughne, the Foundation donated nearly \$20,000 to kick start the community garden project.

“The donation really helped get the ball rolling,” said Palmdale’s Community Programs Supervisor Trish Jones. “It gave us the funding we needed to get the materials, and allowed us to create an event under our ‘Season of Service’ program so we could pull together our staff and community volunteers to begin work on what will be a great asset for our residents.”

Dozens of staff and volunteers are expected to be on hand Saturday, Feb. 22 for “Beds, Paths and Beyond,” the second of five “Season of Service” events organized by the City.

“City staff and volunteers will work together to install the garden’s infrastructure,” Jones said. “Once the garden is ready, it will be a resource for neighbors and an opportunity to teach our youth about the joys and importance of gardening.”

The community garden is the first of several City wide projects that will receive funding from the Warnack Foundation.

“Our heartfelt thanks go out to A.C. and Shaughne Warnack and their foundation for their generosity and commitment to Palmdale,” said Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford. “This donation and future donations will go far beyond the actual dollars. They will bring together City staff and engage members of the community to do many great and positive things throughout Palmdale.”

Other local organizations and businesses also are lending a hand on the project. Staples Advantage is providing cleaners, gloves, sanitary wipes and rags. Home Depot, located on 47th East, is donating threaded hose bibs, contractor grade hoses, garden nozzles, exterior and interior paint and painting kits. Lowes on 10th St. West is giving a wheelbarrow, shovels and rakes. J&G Landscaping is assisting with the planting boxes and irrigation installation, while Parkwood Landscape is providing labor for the garden installation. Starbucks on 10th St. West is donating coffee.

“Projects like this new community garden are hallmarks of thriving communities,” said Palmdale City Manager Dave Childs. “When residents and agencies work together, great things are accomplished.”

“We welcome donations from residents who would like to see more projects like this or for support of other programs,” Childs said. “Anyone who would like to make a donation, may do so through the Palmdale Community Foundation.”

For more information, please call 661/267-5115.

About the Warnack Foundation

The Warnack Foundation’s charitable endeavors and activities shall be for the primary benefit of the people of the City of Palmdale California, and surrounding areas, with special emphasis on the youth, senior citizens, job training, education, general welfare and health, recreation facilities, and/or parks.

About the Palmdale Community Foundation

The Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 established in 1997 by the Palmdale City Council to allow donations to be made for City programs. Since its inception, more than \$650,000 has been donated by organizations, private citizens and City employees to help support the City activities we all enjoy.

Some of the many programs that have been supported by both Foundations include:

- Palmdale City Library
- Palmdale Playhouse
- South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES)
- Joe Davies Heritage Airpark
- Neighborhood Houses
- Thursday Night on the Square
- Palmdale Amphitheater Concert Series
- Parks and Recreation Activities

Donations may be made online at www.cityofpalmdale.org, or via checks payable to: Palmdale Community Foundation. Indicate on the memo line which program you wish to support. Mail to Palmdale Community Foundation, 38300 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550.