

CITY OF PALMDALE

MEDIA ALERT

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PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: Open House to introduce new programming at Gabriel's House, the City of Palmdale Neighborhood House #3.

WHEN: **Saturday, January 31, 9 am to 11 am.**

WHERE: Gabriel's House, 38533 4th St. East, Palmdale

WHO: Mayor Jim Ledford and members of the Palmdale City Council; Mike Miller, City of Palmdale Director of Neighborhood Services; Terri-Lei Wheeler, Housing Coordinator; Gryffingear FRC Robotics Team 5012 from The Palmdale Aerospace Academy; and local residents.

VISUALS: Volunteer teachers interacting with students, introducing pencil drawing, photography and filmmaking workshops; robotics demonstrations.

BACKGROUND: The Palmdale City Council voted unanimously to approve the dedication of a new Neighborhood House, 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" will serve as a music and performing arts center to provide children in the area with the opportunity to develop their creative talents.

Guitar, dance and drum classes were offered in 2014. For 2015 the classes on pencil drawing, photography and filmmaking workshops will be introduced to engage youth in the creative arts.

Residents are able to stop by Gabriel's House and each of the City's Neighborhood Houses and learn more about local and regional transportation, obtain library card info, get answers to City code questions, City job openings and more. There are also ongoing activities such as classes, job training, games for youth and much more.

INFO: For more information, please call Neighborhood Services 661/267-5181.