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#### City of Palmdale Set to Kick Off 2016 “Season of Service” with Adopt-a-Block Event This Saturday

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale and several of its service partners gathered today at the Palmdale Dream Center to announce the 2016 “Season of Service” events as part of the City’s participation in the “National Day of Service” in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 18, 2016.

Representatives from the City, Antelope Valley Youth Build, Advancing Communities Together (ACT), New Image Church, the Los Angeles Homeless Housing Authority and US Post Office were on hand to discuss the upcoming projects.

“Our Season of Service program just gets bigger every year,” said Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford. In Dr. King’s memory, we have designed this program to engage residents and connect groups to better serve and lift up our community.”

Kicking off the “Season of Service” will be the MLK Day of Service Adopt-a-Block on Saturday Jan. 16 at the Palmdale Dream Center, located at 38518 5th St. East. Registration begins at 8 am followed by the MLK Legacy Breakfast at 8:30 am, community clean up and survey from 9 to 11:30 am, and a BBQ lunch and open mic concert from 11:30 to noon.

Last year, Palmdale residents got engaged in their City and donated over 40,000 hours of service towards making Palmdale an even better place to live. “All it takes to volunteer is a willingness to give, an interest in your community, and your time,” Palmdale Community Programs Supervisor Trish Jones said. “There is no minimum

number of hours required, every hour donated is valuable. And, there's practically no limit to how you can get involved."

New for 2016, the City will promote the Season with a 'Serve or Give' theme. Wish list and service needs of the various partners such as the South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES), ACT, Neighborhood Houses, and the like will be posted. Students and organizations that cannot participate in the scheduled events can create their own projects around the lists. A current list is available at [www.cityofpalmdale.org/engaged](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/engaged).

The other 2016 Season of Service events include:

**Homeless Services Awareness Meeting - Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016**

*Community Partner:* Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

*Event Location:* Chimbole Cultural Center, 38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale

*Time:* 9 -11 am registration

Learn more about services available to homeless individuals and families in the Antelope Valley. Opportunities will be available to discuss how you can engage with local agencies as well.

**Antelope Valley Homeless Count - Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016**

*Community Partner:* LAHSA/AV Homeless Coalition

*Registration Locations:* Varies; complete list at

[www.cityofpalmdale.org/servicedays](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/servicedays)

*Time:* 5 – 6 am: Registration/training; 6 am project commences.

Participate in the annual event to document Homeless in our community. Count provides valuable information for funding and program development.

**Global Youth Service Day Planning Event - Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016 –**

*Community Partner:* Youth Service America/State Farm

*Location:* Chimbole Cultural Center, 38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale

*Time:* 6 – 8 pm

Join other Palmdale Youth in discussing service in the community and help plan the April 2016 Global Youth Service Day.

**Spring Cleaning: Airpark Edition - Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016**

*Community Partner:* Palmdale Adopt-A-Plane Groups

*Registration Location:* Joe Davies Heritage Airpark, 2001 East Ave. P, Palmdale

*Time:* 8 – 8:30 am registration; 8:30 am project begins.

Join our dedicated Adopt-a-Plane groups in preparing the Airpark for another great season of visitors from around the world.

**Spring Cleaning: SAVES Edition - Saturday, March 5, 2016**

*Community Partner:* Advancing Communities Together (ACT)/New Image Church

*Location:* SAVES, 1002 East Avenue Q-12, Palmdale  
*Time:* 8 – 8:30 am registration; 8:30 am project begins.  
Partner with the students of AV YouthBuild in the annual spring cleaning of this valuable service center.

**Adopt-a-Block: Hammack Neighborhood - Saturday, April 2, 2016**

*Community Partners:* The Palmdale Dream Center/ACT//New Image Church

*Registration Location:* TBD

*Time:* 8 – 8:30 am registration; 8:30 am project begins.

Join friends, neighbors and the students of Antelope Valley YouthBuild in making a difference in our neighborhoods.

**Global Youth Service Day - Saturday, April 16, 2016**

*Community Partners:* Youth Service America/State Farm

*Location:* To Be Determined

*Time:* 8 – 8:30 am registration; 8:30 am project begins.

Youth and the young at heart will join with youth around the world in celebrating International Global Youth Service Day by giving back to their community.

**Stamp Out Hunger - Saturday, May 14, 2016**

*Community Partner:* United States Postal Service

*Location:* SAVES, 1002 East Avenue Q-12, Palmdale

*Time:* Varied, (Complete list at [www.cityofpalmdale.org/servicedays](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/servicedays))

Partner with local letter carriers for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive. Food assists local families in need.

Volunteer under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All participants must complete a Release of Liability (available at [www.cityofpalmdale.org](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org) or at event registration).

“If you’re not sure what you’re interested in, give us a call at 661/267-5473 after Jan. 4, and we can help you identify areas of interest,” Jones added. “Or visit us online at [www.cityofpalmdale.org/Engaged](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/Engaged).”