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### Community Service Project in Focus Neighborhood #4 Added to Palmdale's MLK "Season of Service" for February 21

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale's "2015 Season of Service" program has announced another new event to this year's roster, with a community service work day scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21 from 8 am to noon at 1020 East Ave. Q-5, between 10<sup>th</sup> St. East and 10<sup>th</sup> Place East, near the City's newest Neighborhood House #5 and Community Garden.

Registration will begin at 8 am. Service activities start at 9 am and will include working on the community garden in preparation for spring planting, graffiti removal, debris clean up, door to door outreach regarding the future mission and activities planned for the soon-to-be completed Neighborhood House, and recruitment for potential candidates for the construction training program which will soon begin in the City's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Focus Neighborhoods.

Live music and special activities for the kids will also be a part of the event. A free BBQ lunch will be provided to all participants at 12 noon.

Funding for the event has been provided through a generous \$5,000 grant from Southern California Edison. Some of the community partners who are collaborating with the project include Antelope Valley Youth Build, Advancing Communities Together, Word of Life Outreach Ministries, Victory Outreach and Green Thumb Nursery.

“Please mark your calendars for Saturday, Feb. 21 and come out and enjoy a great time with all of our community partners in remembrance of the spirit of Dr. King,” said Palmdale’s Director of Neighborhood Services Mike Miller. “Let’s make a difference in our community and invite others to do the same.”

Other projects in the 2015 “Season of Service” will include:

**Manzanita Magic - Saturday, Feb. 28** — Park clean-up and rehabilitation of Manzanita Heights Park – 5<sup>th</sup> St West and Mesa Verde St. Time: 8:30 to 11:30 am

**Courson – Clean & Green - Saturday, March 28** – Courson Park/SAVES/Recreation & Culture clean-up and rehabilitation. Time: 8:30 to 11:30 am

**Global Youth Service Day – Saturday, April 25**

Youth, families and the young at heart are invited to participate in a park beautification at one of Palmdale’s most beloved parks A continuation of the park clean-up and rehabilitation from 2014 Season of Service project.  
Location: Marie Kerr Park, 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd. Time: 8:30 to 11:30 am

Past “Season of Service” events have been very successful, attracting hundreds of Palmdale residents of all ages.

“In 2014, our residents donated over 40,000 hours of service in the various projects,” Jones said. “All it takes to volunteer is a willingness to give, an interest in your community, and your time. 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.”

To learn more about the “Season of Service” or other service-orientated projects, please call 661/267-5665, or log onto [www.cityofpalmdale.org/ServiceDays](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/ServiceDays).