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Groundbreaking Ceremony for New YouthBuild Duplex Project

PALMDALE – Antelope Valley YouthBuild, in partnership with the City of Palmdale, Advancing Communities Together (ACT) and Jack O'Connor Construction held a groundbreaking ceremony today for a project that will create two duplexes to provide quality affordable housing space for low income families in Palmdale.

The duplexes will be located at 514 E. Avenue Q-2, and will contain two 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath units They will be built by YouthBuild students under the guidance of Jack O'Connor Construction and are expected to take 6 months to complete.

“This is about the community coming together,” said Kamal Abdul-Jabbaar, Director of the Board for YouthBuild. “The partners will be hiring local community members to do the work to build housing for low income families.”

“This project will not only provide quality housing for families who need it, but also provide job training and employment for our young people,” said Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford. “It’s going to changes the lives of our young people for the better.”

The City owns the land is providing financing through the U.S. Department of Housing and Development’s HOME Funding. Once built, YouthBuild will lease units to support programming at its Palmdale Dream Center, transitional housing program and outreach facility located at 38518 5th Street East in Palmdale.

About Antelope Valley YouthBuild

The mission of Youth Build is to unleash the intelligence and positive energy of "opportunity" for youth to rebuild their communities and their lives. We seek to join with others to help build a movement toward a more just society in which respect, love, responsibility, and cooperation are the dominant unifying values, and sufficient opportunities are available for all people in all communities to fulfill their own potential and contribute to the well-being of others.

YouthBuild, a subsidiary of Advancing Communities Together, Inc. a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is a youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development.

In YouthBuild programs, "at potential" young people ages 16-24 work toward their high school diplomas, learn job skills and serve their communities by building affordable housing, and transform their own lives and roles in society. For more information, please visit our website at www.avyouthbuild.com.

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