

CITY OF PALMDALE

MEDIA ALERT

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RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY/OPEN HOUSE

WHAT: Ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new Palmdale Dream Center Transitional Housing Site, a collaboration with the City of Palmdale, Advancing Communities Together (ACT), Inc. dba Antelope Valley Youth Build and Paving the Way.

WHEN: **TODAY, Thursday, December 18, 10 am.**

WHERE: Palmdale Dream Center Transitional Housing Site, 38518 5th Street East in Palmdale, (5th St. & Ave. Q-5).

WHO: Palmdale Councilmember Fred Thompson; Palmdale City Councilmembers; Executive Director of Antelope Valley YouthBuild Rossie Johnson; Kamal Abdul Jabbaar, ACT Board Chair; Leslie Woodman, ACT Board Vice Chair; Phil Matero, Youth Build Charter School of California; Palmdale Director of Neighborhood Services Mike Miller; and students from AV Youth Build.

WHY: The new Palmdale Dream Center Transitional Housing will house homeless young adults 18-24 years of age who may have been emancipated, aged out of the foster care system, or lack positive support systems. These young adults are striving to succeed but need a stable and affordable place to live.

INFO: ***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 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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