

CITY OF PALMDALE

MEDIA ALERT

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PRESS CONFERENCE PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: Press conference to announce details of a \$1.1 million dollar award from the U.S. Department of Labor's YouthBuild program fund to Antelope Valley YouthBuild.

WHEN: **TOMORROW, Wednesday, August 20 at 12 noon.**

WHERE: YouthBuild's Supportive Housing site, 38518 5th Street East in Palmdale, (5th St. & Ave. Q-5).

WHO: City of Palmdale Director of Neighborhood Services Mike Miller; Executive Director of Antelope Valley YouthBuild Rossie Johnson; and Michelle Kiefer, Executive Director of Antelope Valley Partners for Health.

QUOTE: "YouthBuild offers thousands of young people the tools, resources and opportunities they need to punch their ticket to the middle class. These federal grants are part of our broader effort to invest in the future of our nation's youth and help them climb the ladder of opportunity." --- U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez.

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.

About Antelope Valley Partners for Health

Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH), is a community-based organization for local public health planning and intervention in the Antelope Valley. It is our vision that all children and families in the Antelope Valley will have optimal psychosocial, physical and environmental health.

Our mission is to serve as a catalyst that enhances community health, wellness and quality of life in the Antelope Valley through collaboration of local residents, agencies, faith based organizations and government entities. For more information, please visit www.avph.org.

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