



Cornerstone Construction Group Enables Opening of New Harbor Gateway Safe Haven for Youth on May 2

April 23, 2009 (Los Angeles) When 14-year old Cheryl Green was shot and killed in the Harbor Gateway in December, 2006, community leaders and activists decided to rally their troops and create a safe haven for the youth in the area.

“It became clear that there were not enough things for the young people in the community to do safely after school,” said Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

With help from Councilwoman Hahn’s office and California-based community development leader, Sharefest, Cornerstone Construction Group is making improvements to a modular building donated by the L.A.P.D. Harbor Division to be used as a Boys & Girl’s Club of Harbor City.

Councilwoman Hahn went on to add, “I have been meeting with the community twice a month since the tragedy and they helped to identify a location for a community center. The land for the community center has been donated and the Boys & Girls Club of Harbor City has agreed to provide programs and activities once it is ready.”

In order for the zoning and permitting to be in place for this huge May 2, 2009 undertaking, Cornerstone Construction Group (www.cornerstonecg.com) had to work vigorously with the Club and the City of Los Angeles. After the building is taken apart over three days and moved to its new location where it will be inspected, Cornerstone will work on painting, lighting, plumbing, planting flowers, installing drywall and making the community center handicap accessible.

Cornerstone Construction Group owners Vic and Linda Braden and their daughter, Stella Rothluebbbers, were eager to join the City in a fight to stop community violence. Linda shared, “We thought it was a good cause. We heard about the gang activity, shootings and I know that Sharefest, as well as Janice Hahn have been trying to get a place for the youth of that community. There is no park—no community center for these kids to go to. Right now, the kids have been climbing a fence to play basketball in the donated dirt lot. We wanted to help.”

Planned in conjunction with the Mayor’s Day of Service throughout LA County, The Cheryl Green Memorial Community Youth Center is set to be a tremendous gift for the community and a great day for Mayor Villaraigosa as well as Councilwoman Hahn as they see the realization of one of their goals for this neighborhood.

Cornerstone’s rehab project is one of 200 projects happening on May 2nd. The Mayor plans on taking the red trolley to six of the projects, stopping by the Cheryl Green Community Center project along the way.

Over the years, Cornerstone Construction Group has actively worked with the local community, donating their time and resources to various causes. Those causes include Sharefest www.sharefestinc.org and Cops for Kids www.operationprogress.org

ABOUT CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION GROUP

Started 24 years ago in Redondo Beach by Vic Braden and his wife, Linda, The Cornerstone Construction Group is a family owned and operated construction business. The management team was completed when their daughter, Stella, joined them in 1999. The family is also guided by a strong desire to invest in the continued development of Redondo Beach and over the years, they have spent their spare time and company resources helping their local community.

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