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Day of Caring Prompts Makeover to Local Non-Profit, Serves as Kickoff for Frank Ramirez Project

Beaumont, CA – The Pass Resource Center, a non-profit organization that provides supports and services for adults with developmental disabilities, housed a major outdoor renovation recently when around 50 community volunteers met there to overhaul the facility's grounds.

The event was part of United Way's Day of Caring, which encourages national participation in volunteer activities that benefit one's community. The work, which was provided by volunteers at the Pass Resource Center, also met some goals of the Frank Ramirez Project, including the refurbishment of a greenhouse and landscaping improvements.

The event marked the first day of improvements laid out by the Project which was started to honor the memory of late PRC employee Frank Ramirez, who died unexpectedly last year. As a community field representative, Ramirez worked to raise awareness of and funds for the PRC.

"I'm here to help Arc and the Pass Resource Center project so the consumers can have a better facility," said Ramirez's wife, Jeanne. "This was his [Frank Ramirez] vision and his dream, so we're trying to make it happen."

Plans for the facility include refurbished picnic tables, new grass and trees, a basketball half-court and Bocce ball area.

"They're doing it for all of us consumers, and it makes me feel good to be out here with everybody," said PRC consumer Terri Lynn Ballestero.

Among the volunteers present at the event were PRC consumers and employees, community leaders, members of the San Geronio Rotary Club, and employees of United Way of the Inland Valleys.

The Pass Resource Center, located at 702 East 11th Street in Beaumont, is a part of Arc Riverside, a non-profit organization that provides supports and services for around 300 adults with developmental disabilities throughout western Riverside County, and is located at 8138 Mar Vista Court in Riverside.

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