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San Jose Conservation Corps Expands Charter School Site

New Childcare Center to provide affordable childcare

Event: The San Jose Redevelopment Agency and the City of San Jose will celebrate the grand opening of the San Jose Conservation Corps Childcare Center operated by SJB Child Development Center.

When: Thursday, May 27, 2010
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: San Jose Conservation Corps Childcare Center
1560 Berger Drive (between Gish and Oakland Roads)

Who: San Jose Vice Mayor Judy Chirco, District 9
San Jose Councilmember Kansan Chu, District 4
Harry S. Mavrogenes, Executive Director, San Jose Redevelopment Agency
Jane Light, Director, San Jose Public Library
Bob Hennessy, CEO, San Jose Conservation Corps
Kent Williams, Executive Director, SJB Child Development Center
Jazmin Contreras, Parent Representative, San Jose Conservation Corps
Childcare Center

Background: The San Jose Redevelopment Agency, San José Public Library, and City of San José partnered to construct the San Jose Conservation Corps Childcare Center. The approximately 5,700-square-foot center is located within a larger Conservation Corps building, which also houses the Corps' Charter School, providing secondary education and job training to young adults. The expanded facility, operated by SJB Child Development Center, provides care for nearly 85 children and features a 3,000-square-foot outdoor play area with new landscaping, a play set, and water fountains. The San Jose Redevelopment Agency contributed approximately \$600,000 to the \$1.1 million project.

The San Jose Conservation Corps, established in 1987, is a non-profit that supports and focuses on the interdependence of education and work, and addresses the individual needs of socially, educationally, and economically disadvantaged youth. The Center is one of more than 51 childcare sites operating under San Jose's Smart Start program, an early childcare initiative implemented

by the City of San José and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, and administered by San José Public Library to expand and improve the education experience for infants through preschool age children. For more information about the new childcare center, please call (408) 283-7171 or visit www.sjcccharterschool.org/daycare.

To date, the Redevelopment Agency has invested more than \$11 million in childcare, leveraging more than \$11 million from the private sector to invest in childcare programs, and creating more than 530 childcare spaces. To learn more about the Redevelopment Agency, please visit www.sjredevelopment.org or call (408) 535-8549.

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