

CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
**MEDIA ADVISORY**



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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**Teens beautify their community and make a difference in the lives of foster grandparents: Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Sacramento, California, October 23, 2007**—The Department of Parks and Recreation’s Wisdom In Action Youth Program (WIAYP) invites the media to attend a community beautification project that will help fund an event recognizing foster grandparents for their commitment to family and community. The beautification project will take place this **Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**, from **3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**, on the southwest corner of Florin Road and Franklin Boulevard.

WIAYP is funded through the Workforce Investment Act and managed by the Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation. The program provides economically disadvantaged teens a semester-long, life-skills and work-readiness experience. Components of the experience include skills training, leadership development, and paid internships.

Twenty-five Sacramento teens, ages sixteen to eighteen, will participate in Thursday’s beautification project. They will plant ten beautiful trees on the southwest corner of Florin Road and Franklin Boulevard, a key intersection. For every tree planted, the Florin Road Partnership will donate \$100.00 to WIAYP. The teens will use the donated funds to organize an “Evening of Elegance,” an elegant dinner and recognition event that honors Sacramento’s foster grandparents. Foster grandparents not only help to raise their grandchildren, they are wonderful examples of how each of us can positively impact our community.

**Details**

**Event:** WIAYP Community Beautification Project/  
Foster Grandparent Recognition Event Support  
**Date:** Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Southwest Corner of Florin Rd. and Franklin Blvd. (FoodMaxx Parking Lot)

For more information about WIAYP or its community projects, please contact Christina DeMoss-Giffin (916) 808-6023. Media-related inquires can be forwarded to Hindolo Brima, Media and Communications Specialist, Department of Parks and Recreation, (916) 808-5972.

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