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Media Alert

Manzanita Canyon Gathering Place to Hold Community Build from Thursday – Sunday, November 7 – November 10, 2013

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- WHO:** The San Diego Foundation’s Malin Burnham San Diego Center for Civic Engagement and partners will hold a Community Build at Manzanita Gathering Place Project in a clean-up project in City Heights.
- WHAT:** Volunteers that include program partners Arts/A Reason to Survive and Pomegranate Center, along with project partners Malin Burnham San Diego Center for Civic Engagement, Community Housing Works, Carey Construction and Design, CM Emerald, Rokenbok Educational Foundation, and San Diego Canyonlands, will come together for a Community Build on the Manzanita Gathering Place property.
- WHEN:** Thursday – Sunday, November 7 – November 10, 2013
from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
CELEBRATION: November 10, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
- Marti Emerald, 9th District Councilmember, will present a proclamation at 3:30 p.m.
 - Joyful Noise Celebration! Sunday at 4:00 p.m.!
 - A community drum/sound parade will travel across the canyon and nearby streets, calling others to join with us at the opening of Manzanita Gathering Place. Anyone who would like to participate in the drum parade is welcome.
- WHERE:** Manzanita Canyon, 4300 Thorn Street, San Diego, CA 92105
Suggested Parking: 43rd and Myrtle
- CONTACT:** To find exact location of volunteers or for more information:
Linda Pennington (gizmopennington@cox.net) at (619) 972-4921

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About the San Diego Center for Civic Engagement

The San Diego Center for Civic Engagement is the community involvement arm of The San Diego Foundation established to drive the implementation of the Our Greater San Diego Vision project, mobilize stakeholders to develop solutions to community issues and better align donor support with the needs of the region. For additional information, visit www.sdcenterforcivicengagement.org.

Gathering Places Program – San Diego

The project is part of an ongoing effort in San Diego County to restore and expand access to outdoor space that is otherwise considered a blight on the community. Manzanita Park is the second of the project's two community-build demonstrations in San Diego County neighborhoods in 2013.

Pomegranate Center is a 27-year old non-profit that is now recognized nationally as a leader in turning those places around while involving community members who, along the way, work together, learn about each other, and take on leadership roles that make each project a success. By combining training, hands-on art-making and building, the Gathering Places Program builds local capacity and social capital that will have a lasting impact on the community. For additional information, visit www.pomegranatecenter.org.