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PRESS RELEASE

RE: NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK, APRIL 18-24, 2010

COTTONWOOD, CA – After months of planning the Cottonwood Creek Community Garden is ready to break ground. A National Volunteer Week Community Garden Work Day will be held on April 22, 2010 at 10:00am located at Evergreen Middle School, 19500 Learning Way in Cottonwood. During this time, volunteers will break ground on the first phase of a new Community Garden. Volunteers will spend the day assisting in digging holes for fence posts, rototilling, building raised beds and shoveling dirt. Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group staff and AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers will be on site to answer questions from the community about the garden and provide a hands-on opportunity for members of the community to work in the garden.

The Cottonwood Creek Community Garden is a project to help enhance the food supply of low-income families in the Cottonwood Community. Among feeding the low income, senior citizens and disabled in our community, the garden will serve as an outdoor classroom for adults and school children. As an outdoor classroom, youth will have the opportunity to learn valuable skills, like those involving practical math, communication, responsibility and cooperation. It will also provide the opportunity to learn about the importance of community, stewardship and environmental responsibility.

National Volunteer Week 2010, Celebrating People in Action, honors those who dedicate themselves to taking action and bettering their communities. It's also about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage their communities – to put themselves at the center of social change.

Sponsored by Points of Light Institute and HandsOn Network – the nation's largest volunteer network – National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each subsequent year, with literally thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. And with the one-year anniversary of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, the creation of the Volunteer Generation Fund and the resonant call to serve from the President, this year will be even more energizing and inspiring.

For more information regarding National Volunteer Week activities, please visit: www.ccwgrp.org or www.1-800-Volunteer.org.



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