



**Paint the Town—Volunteers in Action to Spruce up Del Paso Heights!**

On September 27 and 28, more than 200 volunteers from Wells Fargo, Sacramento State Community Engagement Center, Sacramento Police Dept North Command, SMUD, U.S. Bank, University of the Pacific – McGeorge School of Law, GRID Alternatives, Boys Team Charity – Granite Bay, Girls Leading Our World and the Ohm Boys worked with resident leaders to complete more than 200 projects on 10 homes. Cheryl Allen, one of our participating homeowners, was also one of our best volunteers! Cheryl donated space in her garage for our supplies, helped us organize and move our supplies, shared her tools and equipment, and helped out where ever she could both days. Cheryl shared how much she appreciated all the efforts made by the volunteer teams. “I was just so jaded, seeing this all come together makes me think, this is my community,” said Cheryl.

Sacramento State President Robert Nelsen also jumped into the action with the rest of the Sac State volunteers. “This is a community that is really strong and beautiful and we want the students that are here to have the best experiences they can have,” said Sac State President Robert Nelsen.

You can see volunteers in action here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xRNudZKwcw&feature=youtu.be>



Robert Nelson, Sac State President and Herky the Hornet participate



Sacramento Police Dept. North Command at Paint the Town

**Self Help Housing in Williams, CA**

On October 21st, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation’s Economic Development Consultant, Lon Hatamiya, visited the Williams housing site and was very impressed with the quality of construction and the hard work our families are contributing.

On November 4th, Roger Glendenning and Barry Ramsey from USDA’s federal office in D.C., along with Ron Tackett, from the CA USDA, toured each home in Williams, CA. NeighborWorks Sacramento was 1 of 3 Self Help developers in the state to be selected for a tour. The team was also impressed with the quality of work.

Other updates: Group 1 will move in to their homes on February 14, 2020, if not earlier. We are planning for a ceremony to issue their keys, date tba. Shadow Day is set for December 7, 2019 with our Arbuckle Group 1 and Williams Group 2 families! Shadow Day is when the families will pair up for a workday on Saturday and the Williams families will share their experiences with construction, offer tips and support, and give the Arbuckle families an introduction to the Self help process.



Left to right: Roger Glendenning, Barry Ramsey, Juan Rivera, Ron Tackett, Frank Pascuale and Theresa Nantor



Williams 1: complete home



Williams 2: homeowners working on their yard



Williams 2: Dirt pouring for landscape



Williams 2: home in progress

## Celebrating 10 years of the Oak Park Farmers Market!

Thank you to our friends and supporters that joined us at the Oak Park Farmers Market last day of the season on Saturday, October 26th. Our 2019 farmers include 6 O'clock Farm, Granny Mays, Las Hermanas, Martinelli, R. Kelley Farms, RHJ Organic, Ponce Farm, Root 64 Farm, Winters Fruit Tree and Yanez Farm.

Over the last 10 years, we served more than 26,000 families during each market season. Our CalFresh (SNAP) EBT incentive match doubles the power of low-income families to purchase healthy food. Since we launched our first Farmers Market in 2010, we have provided more than \$250,000 in EBT benefits to more than 8,000 families. This support has allowed these families to purchase more than 1 million servings of quality, locally grown, healthy food. Thank you to our sponsors, supporters and friends!

Please join us in May 2020 as we continue to bring fresh healthy food to our communities. Although the season is over, please follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/oakparkfarmersmarket/>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/nwsacramento/>) to receive up to date information.



## Resident Leaders take on Chicago



(Left to right) Kathleen Vang, Mai Yang Thor, Labeebah Rahman, Sherri Kirk Quinn, Gerine Williams, Brenda Hodges, Shoun Thao, Trinicia Maria Scott; The team celebrating at the Dorothy Richardson Award dinner.

NeighborWorks Sacramento hosted a team of 7 resident leaders from Del Paso Heights to Chicago for the **NeighborWorks America CLI (Community Leadership Institute)** on October 16-18. The Community Leadership Institute (CLI) is an invitation-only, three-day training event that aims to strengthen the voices and skills of community, resident and volunteer leaders. It helps to sharing best practices and solutions to challenges in low- and moderate-income communities.

We were very excited to have 5 new residents join including Mr. Shoun Thao from Councilmember Warren's District 2 office. It was a chance for him to learn more about NeighborWorks Sacramento and how we can partner with the Hmong community in Del Paso Heights. Team members attended a wide range of classes on organization structure, self-care, recruitment, affordable housing history, and volunteer construction projects. They are excited to continue to learn so they can better support our work in their community and the city.

We are working on the next group of CLI residents for our 2020 year. To learn more, please contact Gerine Williams at [gwilliams@nwsac.org](mailto:gwilliams@nwsac.org).



The team earned a reward from NeighborWorks America for completion of their community leadership survey.



Neighbors in Del Paso Heights enjoying a Potluck to celebrate Paint the Town 2019!

## CEO presentation at the CA Coalition for Rural Housing conference

Our CEO, Juan Rivera, was invited to join Mr. Ryan LaRue (Communities Housing Development Corporation) and others as a facilitator speaker at the annual CA Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) conference on November 6-8th. The workshop session topic: HomeOwnership **“Using New and Replenished Programs to Increase Rural HomeOwnership”** included critical issues such as home prices continue to climb, increase cost of building materials, strategies being used to find buildable lots, develop land for affordable homeownership opportunities, and more. The conference was developed to brainstorm opportunities and roadblocks to create sustainable homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income families as well as recommend strategies for improvement.

It is important to discuss and understand these issues in our rural communities and address these housing needs. CCRH is one of the oldest state low-income housing coalitions in the country. Through advocacy, organizing, research, and technical assistance, their goal is to make the case for rural housing improvement and strengthen the capacity of the nonprofit and public sectors to provide affordable housing and related facilities. To learn more about California Coalition for Rural Housing, visit [www.calruralhousing.org](http://www.calruralhousing.org)

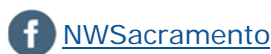
## NeighborWorks in the Community: All Set Workshops (NEW)!

At the beginning of November, NeighborWorks Sacramento held its first ever **All Set: Disaster Preparedness Workshop**. Unfortunately, natural disasters are a growing threat to the safety and financial security of families in our region. We believe that preparing households for the possibility of a flood, fire or other emergency is a critical part of building a strong community. All Set is a four-hour disaster preparedness planning session. In an All Set Workshop, residents of our communities build a plan to protect their safety, finances, assets and communities from the threat of natural disasters.

We cover a wide range of topics including emergency supplies, evacuation, home sheltering, emergency savings, protecting critical documents, homeowners and renters insurance, home upgrades and more. Our first class was highly engaged, contributed great ideas, and left positive feedback. We are extremely excited to hold more All Set workshops in 2020!



Attendees at the first “All Set” Workshop



## CEO'S CORNER

November has been a great month for NeighborWorks Sacramento (NW Sac). Our programs are experiencing significant growth and our supporters and volunteers, and staff are stronger and more visible than anytime before. Our board is honing their governance skills with first-rate training and coaching provided by a NeighborWorks America Excellence in Governance Program; the goal here is to help our board utilize the important skills and abilities of its members to advance the NW Sac's mission. And as part of a way to help empower residents, we are working with leaders of the communities we serve to help them plan and take more control of the development efforts in their neighborhoods.

At the state and national level, we are positioning NeighborWorks Sacramento as a strong, knowledgeable and powerful producer of homes in rural communities. As part of this strategy, we participated in California Coalition for Rural Housing's Rural Housing Summit; there we led a dialogue with other housing development organization from throughout California on action steps needed to expand production of homes in rural and underserved areas. We have also received significant national attention; for example, Roger Glendenning and Barry Ramsey, two high level officials of the US Department of Agriculture from Washington D.C., came to visit our development in Williams CA. They left very impressed with the first-class homes we and the participating owners are building there.

In the homeownership and lending programs, we have achieved geometrical progress by helping 531 families purchase homes, obtain down payment grants and move to affordable homes, for a total investment of \$161,017,459. These tremendous achievements are possible thanks to the generosity of supporters and volunteers like you, who contribute time, talents and financial resources. Our partnerships with Individuals, corporations, businesses and organizations augment our impact in the communities we serve. You make us much bigger and better each day. Thanks for your leadership.

Sincerely  
Juan Rivera  
CEO



## Building Stronger Communities

