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PLACENTIA NAVIGATION CENTER CELEBRATES A YEAR OF GRATITUDE

PLACENTIA, CA – In partnership with People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), the City of Placentia celebrated the first anniversary of the Placentia Navigation Center's opening on Wednesday, March 31st.

"I am so happy to be a part of this one-year anniversary event that celebrates the first of its kind regional collaboration to end homelessness in North Orange County," said Placentia Mayor Craig Green. "In one year of serving the community, the Navigation Center has proven to be a successful and valuable service to our community and North Orange County. I look forward to seeing the residents of the Navigation Center continue to thrive through the high-quality services offered at the Center."

PATH, in partnership with the City and the North Orange County Service Planning Area, operates the Placentia Navigation Center, which provides 100 beds for individuals experiencing homelessness in North Orange County. Wraparound services such as housing navigation and health resources are available to all residents, with the ultimate goal of helping them find a permanent home.

"The City of Placentia is proud to partner with PATH in operating a successful Navigation Center. Their team does a remarkable job making the Center feel like home and providing care to the residents. The Navigation Center is an environment of support and fellowship and a place where individuals are lifted up and provided with the necessary tools to get them back on a path to a healthy, sustainable lifestyle," said Councilmember Rhonda Shader. "None of this would have been possible without the vision, commitment, and hard work of our partnering cities in North Orange County and our elected officials."

The Placentia Navigation Center opened on March 31st, 2020 and in that time, PATH has helped 179 people experiencing homelessness. To date, PATH has helped 31 people obtain permanent housing through the Navigation Center.

"It takes a community joining together to accomplish great things, and the City of Placentia has been a great partner. The Placentia Navigation Center opened at the beginning of the pandemic, but we all continued working to meet the critical needs of those we serve, and keep those in our care safe and healthy," said PATH Program Coordinator Manvir Kaur. "Staff builds rapport with participants and refers them to local resources for services and support. Our team continues to give hope, and to connect to services that ensure a safe and successful reintegration into society. To realize and overcome what people have gone through or going through takes patience, courage and trust."

The Placentia Navigation Center is part of a regional plan to address homelessness in North Orange County. This Navigation Center is the product of a collaboration between 13 cities (Placentia, Anaheim,

Brea, Buena Park, Cypress, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Orange, Villa Park, Stanton, and Yorba Linda).

It is a referral-only based facility with managed and controlled access in and out via transportation only. The Navigation Center works to not only house the homeless but to provide health resources, counseling, job and social skills, and opportunities to reunite with family and friends, with the goal of integrating North Orange County's homeless to become productive members of society while decreasing the homeless population in public areas.

For more information on the Placentia Navigation Center and the regional collaboration with North Orange County please visit www.placentia.org/homelessness.

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