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PLACENTIA NAVIGATION CENTER CELEBRATES SECOND ANNIVERSARY

PLACENTIA, CA – In partnership with People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), the City of Placentia celebrated the second anniversary of the Placentia Navigation Center's opening on Monday, May 2nd.

"It's been a true honor to be a part of this project from the beginning when it was just an idea, to what is now a comprehensive service-based Navigation Center that is celebrating its second anniversary. After an extensive review process, PATH was chosen to operate the Navigation Center, and they are doing an amazing job not only managing the facility, but also caring for the residents and treating them with the respect they deserve," said Mayor Rhonda Shader. "It's a great feeling to be able to celebrate the second anniversary and hear all of the positive stories from residents and former residents of the Center of how their lives have changed for the better. I'm so proud of the City, the residents, and all of our businesses who continue to support the Navigation Center and its mission, and I look forward to many more years of success for the Center and the residents."

"I am proud of all that has been accomplished in the first two years of operations of the Placentia Navigation Center. The Navigation Center has made a significant positive impact on the North Orange County homeless population and proven to be a successful and valuable solution to the homeless problem. I look forward to continuing to see the residents of the Navigation Center thrive and be able to move into permanent housing with the assistance of the high-quality services offered at the Center," said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. "I am grateful for the support of our partnering cities in North Orange County as none of this would have been possible without their vision, commitment, and hard work."

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.

"It takes a community joining together to accomplish great things, and the Placentia community has provided a lot of support. The Placentia Navigation Center opened at the beginning of the pandemic, but PATH's team of essential workers continued to meet the critical needs of those we serve. As we go into our third year of operation, we are looking forward to serving more people and helping more people in North Orange County end their episode of homelessness," said PATH Chief Program Officer Tescia Uribe.

In the second year of the Navigation Center being open, PATH helped 203 people experiencing homelessness and helped 41 people obtain permanent housing.

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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