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STUDENTS CELEBRATE NEW SIDEWALK THAT CREATES A SAFER PATH TO SCHOOL *Project was constructed with \$485,000 in CDBG funds*

Sacramento County, CA. Sacramento County representatives, officials from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, and representatives from the San Juan Unified School District joined the entire student body of 430 youngsters at Greer Elementary School, 2301 Hurley Way, to dedicate a new sidewalk today that makes their route to school safer.



The lack of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters created a safety hazard for the young students as they made their way to and from school. Before the sidewalks were installed, the children had to walk in the streets and were constantly in danger of being hit by cars. On rainy days, the children had to walk in the muddy water because there were no curbs or gutters to channel the water out of their pathway.



To address this dangerous situation, the County and SHRA provided \$485,000 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to fund the completion of the school sidewalks project which also included a new sidewalk at nearby Dyer Kelly Elementary School. Total CDBG funding for both school sidewalk projects was \$1.2 million.



The Greer Elementary School Sidewalk Construction Project involved construction of:

- 655 linear feet of sidewalk
- 350 linear feet of fencing
- 5 new and 2 modified ADA ramps
- 3 driveways with retaining walls
- 2 new streetlights

The CDBG program is a federally funded (HUD) program administered by SHRA, serving children, families, and seniors living in low to moderate income communities. CDBG builds public improvements in low/mod neighborhoods. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approves all CDBG-funded projects in the County of Sacramento.

SHRA (www.shra.org) is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. The Agency is the leading public developer of affordable housing and oversees residential and commercial revitalization activities in 14 redevelopment areas throughout the City and County. SHRA has a FY 2006 budget of \$227 million and approximately 308 employees. The Agency owns and manages 3,400 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers approximately 11,000 rental assisted vouchers per month.

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