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'COMMUNITY BUILD DAY' AT GILBERT LINDSAY RECREATION CENTER IN SOUTH L.A.

~ The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks Teams with the Television News Women of Los Angeles to Build the Anne & Kirk Douglas Boundless Playground—A Place for Kids of All Ages and Abilities

LOS ANGELES, CA (May 27 2010) — There is some good news to report. . . *The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks* has teamed up with some philanthropic friends in our community to make a difference at the Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center by installing a Boundless Playground for kids of all ages. The Boundless Playground will be named after legendary actor **Kirk Douglas and his wife Anne**, in honor of their tireless efforts to install more than 400 playgrounds in underserved areas of Los Angeles.

The playground project will officially get underway on Saturday, May 29th with a “Community Build Day” right in the heart of L.A. City officials including **Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa** and **Councilmember Jan Perry**, 9th District, (in which Gilbert Lindsay is located) are among those who will be involved in the daylong project. They will be present right alongside community volunteers to help install the new playground equipment and begin to green-up the area around the playground and Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center.

The Boundless Playground is one that can be used by all children, regardless of ability. Features include ramped wheelchair access to the highest platforms, pathways with rubberized surfacing, swings with high back support, music elements, and much, much more.

Department of Recreation and Parks, General Manager, Jon Kirk Mukri states, *"This playground will be one of the best the city has to offer. This will be the city's second Boundless Playground. I am excited to able to offer recreation and play that kids of all capabilities can enjoy. I would like to thank our many sponsors and partners that have come together to make this possible, helping one community at a time through collaboration."*

This significant contribution to the City of Los Angeles is made possible because of a number of generous sponsors including: **CVS Caremark All Kids Can**—a program of the *CVS Caremark Charitable Trust*—with a five-year, \$25 million commitment to making life easier for children with disabilities. The *CVS Caremark Charitable Trust* has donated more than \$4 million to the nonprofit organization **Boundless Playgrounds** to build more than 50 Boundless Playgrounds nationwide. Additional sponsors include **Playcore, Game Time, Great Western, Robertson Industries**, and **The Home Depot** (which will complete the ‘greening-up’ of the entire area in the coming weeks). **The Good News Foundation** is also a proud sponsor of the entire playground project.

"We've been looking to 'jump' on a playground project ever since we named Anne & Kirk Douglas 'Good News Makers of the Year' in 2008 ," says Wendy Burch, KTLA reporter and the Chairperson of **The Good News Foundation**. *"We wanted to make 'good' on our promise to dedicate a playground in their name, and we believe this Boundless Playground will provide endless hours of enjoyment and pay fitting tribute to all that the Douglas's have done."*

Volunteers age 12 and older are invited to participate in a “Community Build Day” for the Anne & Kirk Douglas Boundless Playground at Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center located at 425 E. 42nd Pl., on Saturday, May 29, 2010. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.

Snacks will be provided throughout the day thanks to the generous donations from CVS/pharmacy, Togo's, Subway, Foodtown, and Smart & Final. Additionally *The Good News Foundation* will be teaming up with **Don Chow's Taco Truck** to provide a delicious lunch for all of the volunteers.

The Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center has a rich history. This is the site of the original Wrigley Field, the Los Angeles ballpark which hosted the minor league baseball teams in the region for over 30 years. It was also Home Park for the Los Angeles Angels in their expansion season of 1961. The recreation center is named after Gilbert William Lindsay. Gilbert William Lindsay was the first person of African descent to serve as a Los Angeles City Councilmember in the modern era, serving from 1962 until 1990.

**WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE GILBERT LINSDAY "COMMUNITY BUILD DAY"
WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, MAY 29TH**

The daylong event will bring together Los Angeles city officials, community volunteers, corporate contributors, and the city's leading journalists—who have all joined forces to make some 'good news' in the greater Los Angeles communities.

GILBERT LINSDAY RECREATION CENTER

(East of the 110 Freeway and South of MLK Blvd)

425 EAST 42ND PLACE

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90011

DAY-LONG COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EVENT

7:00 a.m. Registration (Volunteers)
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Community Project Takes Place
11:00 a.m. Official Ceremony

OFFICAL CEREMONY

REMARKS	Antonio Villaraigosa	Mayor, Los Angeles
REMARKS	Jan Perry	Councilmember, 9th District
REMARKS	Jon Kirk Mukri	GM, Recreation and Parks
REMARKS	Barry Sanders	Commission President, Rec. & Parks
REMARKS	Wendy Burch	The Good News Foundation
REMARKS	Frederick Leone	Boundless Playgrounds
REMARKS	Jeff Freidman	CVS/pharmacy

PROJECT COMPLETION

7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

- ✚ Volunteers beginning the installation process of large pieces of playground equipment**
- ✚ Volunteers planting shrubbery and flowers provided by the HOME DEPOT**
- ✚ Representatives from CVS and Boundless Playgrounds will be available for interviews regarding their generous donation**
- ✚ Board Members from *The Good News Foundation* available for interviews including: Wendy Burch (KTLA), Christine Devine (KTTV), Pat Harvey (KCAL), Dorothy Lucey (Good Day LA) & Ana Garcia (KNBC) as well as other leading journalist from Los Angeles television stations.**

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks For more information about the Department of Recreation and Parks events, activities, services, programs, and facilities call 311, or (213) 202-2700, or visit www.laparks.org.

The Good News Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charity founded by the women of Los Angeles Television News. Since its inception three years ago, *The Good News Foundation* has made headlines – providing more than \$700,000 in charitable grants, scholarships and donations to worthwhile organizations throughout the greater Los Angeles community. www.TheGoodNewsFoundation.org