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MEDIA ADVISORY

Construction of River Education Center in Mission Valley Celebrates Major Milestone

Assemblymember Chris Ward and others to celebrate by placing animal tracks in new concrete walkway

San Diego, CA – As construction of the River Center at Grant Park continues to progress, The San Diego River Park Foundation is celebrating on March 15, 2024, from 8:30 am – 9:30 am with placing animal tracks in a new concrete walkway to mark the location where students will be dropped off to start their nature learning experiences.

California Assemblymember Christopher M. Ward of the 78th Assembly District, a longtime supporter of the project, will speak about the exciting progress being made on this \$11 million project. The event is being hosted by the San Diego River Park Foundation.

The River Center at Grant Park project sets out to tackle the growing problem of too many kids not having a nature connection. What was once a sand mining operation is being transformed to provide 10,000 kids annually with dynamic nature learning experiences with the river as a classroom. The focus is on serving socioeconomically disadvantaged kids from Title 1 schools. With a dream that started over 10 years ago with a generous donation of 17 acres of land by the Grant Family, construction is anticipated to be completed this summer. More than \$10.5 million has already been raised for this project.

- WHO:** The San Diego River Park Foundation staff and board members and invited guests including elected officials and others
- WHAT:** Ceremonial concrete pour with press of animal tracks and guest speaker California Assemblymember Christopher M. Ward of the 78th Assembly District. Note: In case of rain, event will be cancelled.
- WHERE:** The River Center at Grant Park, 2401 Camino Del Rio N, San Diego, CA 92108 (address is for Springhill Suites Mission Valley, The River Center is across the street). Click map [here](#).
- WHEN:** Friday, March 15th, 2024
- 8:30 am: people will gather
 - 8:45 am: remarks
 - 9:00 am: selected guests will have an opportunity to press in animal tracks into freshly poured concrete.
 - 9:30 am: Assemblymember Christopher M. Ward will leave

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About The San Diego River Park Foundation

The San Diego River Park Foundation's mission is to engage people to work toward a better future for the historic San Diego River and the creation of a 52 mile river parkway from the mountains to the ocean. The River Park Foundation is a non-profit community-based organization founded in 2001.
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