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## **SHAREFEST SETS THE STAGE FOR WILMINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT**

LOS ANGELES, CA April 23rd<sup>th</sup> – ShareFest Community Development and more than 40 volunteers from The River Church of The South Bay, will spend this Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, preparing the Wilmington Middle School Campus for the upcoming commencement program in June. More than 2200 students attend Wilmington Middle School and about 700 of those will be participating in the commencement ceremony on June 19th.

Tight budgets in recent years have forced schools to prioritize, and books and teachers come before flowers and landscaping, which makes promoting school pride sometimes difficult. The project this Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> is designed to help that situation. Volunteers, students and teachers, will work together to make improvements to the campus before the commencement program in June, and help the Jaguar's campus reflect the pride the students have in their school.

“Our hope is the work we do will help the faculty and students to have even more pride in their campus, and that the upcoming commencement ceremony will be little brighter as a result.” said Brae Petitfils.

The project on the Wilmington campus is one of more than 50 projects from Pico Union to Wilmington and across the South Bay that will be apart of ShareFest's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Workday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 3,000 volunteers have signed up in advance to participate through more than 90 different service organizations, churches, and schools. All projects are done at no cost to the recipients.

In the Wilmington area, two additional projects will be taking place, including the painting of a mural in a local park at the corner of Watson Ave. and O Street, and the planting of 100 trees along Pacific Coast Highway.



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