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Stockton Beautiful Makeover Enhances Chavez Library Curb Appeal

(Stockton, CA) - Stockton Beautiful, an organization of community members dedicated to increasing community pride by enhancing the city's aesthetic appeal through civic improvements, is taking on a new project downtown Stockton. This week, work will begin on a makeover of the Cesar Chavez Central Library courtyard.

Jeff Gamboni, a local Landscape Architect and Vice-President of Stockton Beautiful, is excited about the project that will be enjoyed by the thousands of community members who visit the library each month. "The library has always been a special place for me, where people come to enjoy, study, and expand their knowledge and skills," shares Gamboni. "Since Library visitors enter through the courtyard, that is where we have focused our improvement; preserving the best of the existing plantings, which include the original Vitex Tree and Bird of Paradise plants, and installing new, colorful drought-resistant plants selected for low-maintenance."

The Gamboni firm donated the design and architecture services to promote the project. Stockton Beautiful began fundraising last year and raised almost \$15,000. They have made requests for donations to community-based organizations to cover the balance of about \$20,000.

"The thoughtfulness and generosity of this gift to the community is amazing," said Community Services Director John Alita. "We are all looking forward to enjoying the end result."

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The first phase of the project will be completed in time for a celebration and dedication on Monday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the library courtyard, 605 N. El Dorado Street. This event is open to the entire community.

Stockton Beautiful is accepting donations to cover the remainder of the project costs. Anyone interested in making a contribution may contact Stockton Beautiful, 3012 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204 or call (209) 948-8335. For more information about Stockton Beautiful, please visit www.StocktonBeautiful.net.

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