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HOUSE OF BLIGHT TRANSCENDS INTO COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER WITH HELP OF COUNCILMAN CARDENAS

On Saturday, Councilman Cardenas and the city's Cultural Affairs Department will commence the grand opening for the anticipated Stone House/Sun Valley Youth Arts Center. The facility, formerly known as the historical Stone House because of its native river rock construction, is a first-of-its-kind art education center in the East San Fernando Valley. Cardenas secured almost \$2 million dollars in grants for the project which was recently completed.

Once a haven for drug dealers and prostitutes, the new facility is alleviating blight and giving kids of the community a place of hope and inspiration. Classes will include painting, dancing, music, theatre, and sculpting. A digital arts Mac lab has also been added for future filmmaking classes. The activities will be offered to kids of all ages.

The grand opening is entertaining the community with live music, refreshments and a preview of some of the activities that will be offered. (Visuals: Live Mariachi band and colorful ballet Folklorico dancers, kids painting and performing, student art exhibit, community members walking through new facility and its classes.)

WHO: Councilman Tony Cardenas
Department of Cultural Affairs
Department of General Services
Department of Parks and Recreation

WHAT: Grand Opening of Stone House/Sun Valley Youth Arts Center

WHEN: Saturday, November 18, 2006
10:00 a.m.

WHERE: 8642 Sunland Boulevard
Sun Valley, CA 91352

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