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Rotary Club of East Sacramento Celebrates the Opening of New Greenhouse at Tahoe Elementary School

The Rotary Club of East Sacramento will officially turn over the “key” to the newly constructed greenhouse and raised planting beds to Aprille Shafto, Principal of Tahoe Elementary School, on Wednesday, April 18, 2:30 p.m. at the school located at 3110 60th Street, Sacramento, CA 95820. “The Rotary Club is excited to complete the greenhouse on the school grounds that will be used by the students and teachers of Tahoe Elementary for many years to come,” states Lewie Donhost, President, Rotary Club of East Sacramento. “With Earth Day on April 22, this is the perfect time to formally turn the greenhouse over to the school for its use,” Donhost continued. According to Aprille Shafto, Principal of the school, “We are excited to be the recipients of the East Sacramento Rotary’s commitment to education. This greenhouse will be used by students, teachers and parents as a year-round education and training site in the areas of botany, horticulture, physics, mathematics, arts, literature and history....the applications for learning are endless.” Shafto also noted her expectation of involving the local community the school serves in the greenhouse activities making it a shared community treasure further highlighting Sacramento’s Farm-to-Fork efforts.

The project is one of the first of its kind for a local Sacramento elementary school in its size and flexibility for year-round activities and training. It became a labor of love for one East Sacramento Rotarian, Carroll Dudley, to honor his sister, Marsha, who was a nurse and cared for many children in her lifetime. “This is a fitting memorial to my sister and her love of children. I was honored to be able to lead my Rotary Club and other local businesses in designing and building this greenhouse for the young people at Tahoe Elementary,” stated Dudley.

The Rotary Club of East Sacramento was chartered in 1965 and its members have spent 50+ years identifying and meeting local community needs as well as being involved in global service projects. Most recently, the Club helped to fund the installation of shade carports at the JPA Canine Training Center at McClellan, provided dictionaries to the 3rd graders at Tahoe Elementary, and continued to support the Rotary International’s effort to eradicate polio in the world.

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