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**HOPE SERVICES GOES GREEN KEEPING MATTRESSES OUT OF THE LANDFILL**

(Monterey, CA – August 4, 2010) Over the past two years, HOPE Services has successfully recycled about 15,000 mattresses and box springs providing employment and training for individuals with developmental disabilities. Up to ten of HOPE Services’ clients are dismantling about 70 mattresses daily, while metal springs are recycled as metal scrap, and wood is chipped and compacted for further use. Five days a week, HOPE Services is receiving mattresses from individuals as well as from corporate partners, like Pebble Beach Resorts, Fort Hunter Liggett, and SVSWA and MRWMD. The fee is \$10 each, any size.

“Disposing of mattresses through HOPE Services reduces people’s recycling fees, keeps recyclable materials out of landfills, and provides paid employment to our clients with developmental disabilities,” stated HOPE Services’ Monterey District Director, George Molano. “At the same time it provides valuable job training opportunities for our clients, which are transferable to other jobs out in the community later on.” With a State unemployment rate of 86% for individuals with developmental disabilities, the need for employment services and training is great. Employment is a critical step for individuals with developmental disabilities towards independence, community membership, and self-sufficiency in their lives.

HOPE Services was founded in 1952, and provides a full range of life-long human services for infants, children, adults, and seniors who have developmental disabilities. The program strategies have been created to enrich the lives of these individuals by facilitating their inclusion and participation in their communities. HOPE Services provides services to over 400 individuals with developmental disabilities in Monterey County.

Mattress drop off: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., \$10 each, any size. Please call before arrival.

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19055 Portola Drive; Contact: Sabrina Ortega-Payan; Phone 831.455-4940

**Sand City:** 1663 Catalina Street, Contact: Kerry Peterson; Phone: 831.393.1575

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