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HOPE SERVICES' MAINTENANCE TEAM DRIVING SAFELY IN REFURBISHED VEHICLE

(Monterey, CA – September 21, 2010) Mobility is key for the crew of four HOPE Services clients with developmental disabilities and their job coach who assist in maintaining over 86 acres of open space, including thirty individual parks, for the City of Seaside

The van used to transport the work crew was starting to show signs of “wear and tear.” Rust could be seen on the body and holes could be found in the flooring. Due to the tight budget, purchasing a new vehicle by the City of Seaside wasn’t an option. This was when Mark Parker, City of Seaside Maintenance Supervisor, and his team stepped up and gave the worn van a new lease on life. It was refurbished inside and out, holes were fixed, and new flooring installed. And when the sparkling white van was ready for duty again, it showed the HOPE Services logo next to the logo of City of Seaside.

“We want HOPE Services and their crew to be recognized for their efforts to keep the parks and streets of City of Seaside clear of litter, graffiti, and cleanly landscaped,” stated Mark Parker.

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.

“Thanks to Mark Parker and the City of Seaside’s maintenance team, our crew travels the roads safely again, and we can proudly do our job,” declares HOPE Services’ job coach Ray Halcon gratefully, before he and his crew head out to spruce up areas such as Seaside’s City Hall and Laguna Grande Park.

For more information about HOPE Services visit www.hopeservices.org

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Photo attached: Mark Parker, City of Seaside Maintenance Supervisor, presenting the sparkling refurbished van to HOPE Services’ maintenance crew working for the City of Seaside.

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