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**HOPE SERVICES' VOLUNTEERS HELP TO KEEP OUR TRAILS CLEAN**

(Monterey, CA – September 21, 2010) For more than ten years, HOPE Services clients' with developmental disabilities have been volunteering to remove litter and debris on Monterey Rec Trail, from the Wharf to the Coast Guard Pier, every week. You can also find groups of volunteers on the Pacific Grove Rec Trail now, where they are cleaning the trails all the way from the Aquarium to Lovers Point. On Mondays and Fridays, a HOPE Services staff supervisor transports a crew of three client volunteers to the trails. Participants are provided with training, discuss safety procedures, and perform quality control.

HOPE Services provides programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, and runs this volunteer program in cooperation with the City of Monterey Community Resources Department.

"It makes our clients proud to be able to give back to the community by keeping the trails clean and safe for all of us to enjoy," stated HOPE Services' Monterey District Director, George Molano. "The program also provides our clients with valuable job training opportunities such as learning how to follow new procedures or how to manage their time, which are transferable skills to other jobs out in the community later on."

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.

"I really enjoy being out there, doing my job well," affirmed Dante DelBono, a HOPE Services client who has long wanted to find a job. "I hope I will find a job in landscaping later."

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*Photo attached: HOPE Services' Pacific Grove Rec Trail volunteers at work.*

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