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Volunteers from All Saints by the Sea Episcopal Church of Montecito recently volunteered at the Carpinteria Camper Park, 4096 Via Real, operated by Peoples' Self-Help Housing, a non profit organization.

All Saints volunteers included David Telleen-Lawton, James Scheuerman, John Scheuerman, Bob Cresap, David Boyd, Liana and Paul Carty, and Sean Kavanagh who spent a Saturday helping clean up around the Camper Park located on Via Real. Volunteers prepared the grounds for the removal of unused camper trailers in anticipation of the park's renovation by Peoples' Self-Help Housing. Forty three attractive, two-story affordable apartments will replace two acres of asphalt and aging and dilapidated campers.

The All Saints' parish has taken a special interest in helping the low-income families and the youth education program that operates in a portable classroom that has been sponsored by the Orfalea family.

Peoples' has developed a site plan and architectural plans for the 43 new units which will be constructed in several attractively designed residential buildings on the current site, including some town home style units".

The new one-, two-, and three- bedroom affordable rentals at the Camper Park, will be renamed "Casas de las Flores". Amenities will include recreational spaces, addition of two community education centers, playgrounds, half basketball court, and walking path. Plans are being reviewed by the Carpinteria City Council and Planning Commission.

A capital campaign has begun to support this much-needed affordable housing project. Peoples' has established a goal of \$3.6 million to augment our low interest loan opportunities which will fill the gap to make the project a reality and a new home for nearly 200 parents and

children. A multi-year grant from a private family foundation has already been received to support the capital campaign.

Individuals or community groups interested in volunteering, touring the site, or donating to the Casas de las Flores capital campaign can contact Rochelle Rose, PSHH Development Director, at (805) 962-5152 x227.

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