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Family of shooting victim Stephon Clark hosts ribbon-cutting ceremony to thank community

SACRAMENTO – The family of Stephon Clark today hosted a ceremony to thank community leaders and organizations who offered support following Clark’s death on March 19. With the Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center, the Clark-Thompson family performed a ribbon-cutting to celebrate their recent home beautification project where the shooting took place.

The family recognized community leaders, the Sacramento Kings and others who have provided assistance in the past seven months.

“We have been proud to wrap the Clark-Thompson family with support following a tragedy that no family should have to endure,” said Jackie Rose, executive director of the Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center. “It has been an honor to create a space that we hope brings peace to this family and honors the life of Stephon.”

The Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center, which is the Black Child Legacy Campaign’s Meadowview Community Incubator Lead, has been working with the office of Councilmember Larry Carr, Paul Blanco, Habitat for Humanity and other community-based organizations to renovate the Clark-Thompson home into a place for healing.

“I am humbled to have played a small part in the household renovations here of the Clark-Thompson home,” said District 8 Councilmember Larry Carr, “We view this as a pilot for what we hope to do in the rest of Meadowview. A special thanks to Paul Blanco and his team and the many others who made this project possible.”

“The Black Child Legacy Campaign and the BUILD.BLACK. Coalition have been proud to support the family of Stephon Clark,” said Chet P. Hewitt, president and CEO of Sierra Health Foundation and The Center, co-chair of the Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths and co-founder of the BUILD.BLACK. Coalition. “We will continue to stand by their side and with all families in Meadowview and similar communities as we build an inclusive economic development strategy that uplifts our neighborhoods.”

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The Black Child Legacy Campaign is the community-driven movement raising visibility and strengthening efforts of the Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths to reduce the number of black child mortalities by 10% to 20% in 2020 in Sacramento County. For 20 years, the Sacramento County Child Death Review Team consistently found that African-American children died at a rate two times higher than children of other races.

All Community Incubator Leads provide crisis response and violence intervention and prevention strategies in each of the seven targeted neighborhoods of Arden Arcade, Del Paso Heights/North Sacramento, North Highlands/Foothill Farms, Oak Park, Fruitridge/Stockton, Valley Hi and Meadowview.

Learn more about the Black Child Legacy Campaign at www.blackchildlegacy.org, the Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center at www.rfcecenter.com/, the Steering Committee at www.shfcenter.org/raacd and the BUILD.BLACK. Coalition at www.buildblack.org.

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