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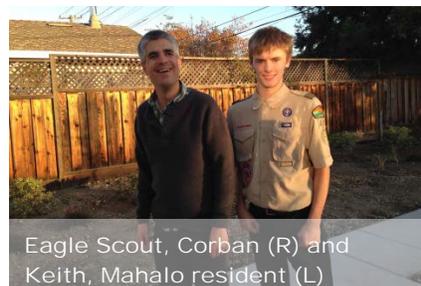
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Therapy Garden Designed for Autistic Adults

Santa Clara, CA, December 20, 2013 – Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE) is pleased to announce the unveiling of a therapy garden at their Mahalo House residential home for adults with autism. This is the second such garden designed for a PACE group home. PACE owns and operates two children and four adult group homes in Santa Clara County, each licensed to serve residents from 6 to 59+ years of age.

The Mahalo House landscape was designed by Paul Jay Reed of **Reed Associates Landscape Architecture**. Mr. Reed donated his thoughtfully designed planting plan to create a flow of colors and smells for a calming therapy garden for residents to enjoy. The walkways were finished in October 2013 and the planting was completed this week. **Boy Scout, Corban** provided the organization and volunteers to plant the garden following Mr. Reed’s design. This was Corban’s service project which will help to complete his Eagle Scout award. Monies raised at two PACE fundraising events provided the labor and materials for the hardscape and for the plants.

“We’re looking forward to beautiful spring flowers and many years of enjoyment in our new garden,” noted Janice Morreira, PACE Operations Manager. “We are so thankful for all of the time and effort that went into the design and planting of this lovely garden.”



Eagle Scout, Corban (R) and Keith, Mahalo resident (L)

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Autism is a neuro-developmental disability that impacts an individual’s ability to regulate sensory input, to communicate, to interact socially, and to learn in conventional ways. Autism is considered a spectrum disorder and so affects each individual differently and at varying degrees. <http://pacificautism.org/about-pace/about-autism/>

About Reed Associates: Paul Jay Reed, President and Principal Landscape Architect, started Reed Associates Landscape Architecture in 1983. He specializes in all areas of commercial and residential design. California State License #2002. www.rala.net

About PACE: Founded in 1989, Pacific Autism Center for Education provides high-quality programs for individuals with autism and its related developmental disabilities. Each group home houses six individuals and is managed by an administrator who is assisted by a team of trained residential staff members, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Each home provides an enriched and family-like environment. EIN: 77-0259858. <http://pacificautism.org/> facebook.com/pacificautismce

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