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Touchdown for the Bees! Pollinator Partnership (P2) Receives Funding from NFL to Plant Trees for Bees at Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center

This year's Super Bowl 50, taking place at Levi's Stadium on February 7th, is set to be the greenest yet. The **National Football League (NFL)**, **Verizon** and the **San Francisco Bay Area Super Bowl 50 Host Committee** have developed a community matching grant program to fund urban tree-planting projects throughout the Bay Area to give back to this year's host city. As part of this program, the **Pollinator Partnership (P2)** has partnered with **Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center** in San Francisco to plant 26 native trees to provide vital habitat for local pollinator species.

The trees, including Bay Area natives like Bigleaf Maple, California Bay Laurel, Islais Cherry, and Blue Blossom Ceanothus, were planted on January 28th at Laguna Honda. A planting ceremony coinciding with Laguna Honda's 150th anniversary celebration was attended by Pollinator Partnership and Laguna Honda representatives, as well as hospital residents. Gratitude tags were hung on each tree to symbolize the hospital's appreciation, and a ceremonial ribbon cutting opened the area to the community.

"These trees will provide much needed food and habitat for local pollinators, as well as enhance the natural beauty of Laguna Honda's grounds for the staff and residents," says **Pollinator Partnership Executive Director Laurie Davies Adams**. She adds, "We hope this serves as a learning opportunity for the local community to understand the importance of pollinators to the ecosystem, even in urban environments, and how simple acts like planting a tree can support populations."

Pollinator Partnership and Laguna Honda have collaborated previously. In 2001, through P2's gardening program, a garden space was created for Laguna Honda's Palliative Care unit. The garden not only provided a living habitat for pollinators but also enhanced the urban environment for residents of Laguna Honda. Residents on the unit were able to learn and explore through a different outlet. The planting of the 26 new trees will now provide therapeutic value for all residents who wish to explore the outside Laguna Honda campus

"We are delighted to receive these trees and support San Francisco's local wildlife. Our residents will benefit so much from the added nature in their lives," says **Laguna Honda Hospital Chief Operations Officer John Grimes**.

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ABOUT THE POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP (P2)

Established in 1997, the Pollinator Partnership is the largest 501(c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to the health, protection, and conservation of all pollinating animals. Pollinator Partnership's actions for pollinators include education, conservation, restoration, policy, and research. P2's financial support comes through grants, gifts, memberships and donations from any interested party. Its policies are science-based, set by its board of directors, and never influenced by any donor. To make a donation in support of our mission, or for information, visit www.pollinator.org.

ABOUT LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Laguna Honda is a post-acute care facility in the San Francisco Health Network, owned and operated by the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Located on a 62-acre campus in the heart of the city, Laguna Honda represents one of the most extensive public commitments to therapeutic care for seniors and adults with disabilities. Founded in 1866, Laguna Honda cared for one of the first generations of San Franciscans, the Gold Rush pioneers. A century and a half later, it remains a civic icon representing San Francisco's tradition of service to the entire community. Today, Laguna Honda service lines include general skilled nursing care, memory care and dementia, palliative and positive care, rehabilitation and outpatient clinics. For additional information, please visit www.lagunahonda.org.