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Oakridge Estate Tree Replacement Campaign Goal Reached

Next fundraising campaign to focus on improvement of the back of the Oakridge Estate

Friends of Oakridge is proud to announce that the \$20,000 goal in our year-long appeal to Help Bring the Oaks Back to Oakridge has been reached. Thanks to the contributions made by our individual supporters, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Northridge West, Chatsworth and Porter Ranch Neighborhood Councils and the friends and family of Barbara Stanwyck, Friends can officially announce the end to our first in a series of campaigns to rehabilitate the Oakridge residence and grounds.

The first phase of the project was completed in June 2018 with the planting of a replacement mature California Live Oak tree in the center of the motor court. The tree was dedicated to Steve Harris, former President of Friends of Oakridge, who passed away just weeks before seeing this portion of the property returned to its former beauty. Bordering the front of the residence attractive shrubbery and an irrigation system were added.

The second phase will focus on the rear yard of the residence. Plans call for additional oak trees, shrubbery, decomposed granite pathways and an irrigation system. Friends is working with the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to obtain the required approvals.

There is still much to be done at Oakridge! The roof leaks, the exterior wood is rotting, and the paint is peeling. Electrical and plumbing systems need to be upgraded to support



the infrastructure of the home and preserve its legacy. The Friends of Oakridge, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Los Angeles allowing us to fundraise for the preservation of this local historic treasure. Friends is grateful to all who have helped us with monetary contributions.

Stay tuned for our next campaign! In the meantime, Friends of Oakridge continues to welcome donations toward our efforts to rehabilitate the property via the website or by mail to Friends of Oakridge, P.O. Box #3973, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Please visit the website at www.theoakridgeestate.org. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!