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Bravo for support for schools and youth helping others

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Waymakers CEO Ronnetta Johnson, with Girl Scouts of Troop 6170 and Girl Scouts of OC CEO Vikki Shepp stand next to bus shelter artwork in Anaheim that illustrates proper disposal of unused or expired medications. The display was created by the Girl Scouts. (Photo courtesy of Waymakers)

Girl Scouts unveil substance misuse artwork

Members of Girl Scout Troop 6170 unveiled their substance misuse prevention bus shelter artwork in Anaheim. The project was developed as part of the troop's Girl Scout Silver Award, a prestigious honor recognizing Cadettes who demonstrate leadership and commitment to addressing community issues through sustainable solutions.

Waymakers' Project PATH (Positive Action Toward Health) supported the troop along the way.

Girl Scouts in Troop 6170 identified the risks associated with unused prescription medications in homes, including drug misuse, accidental poisoning and environmental harm. In response, the troop designed a public awareness campaign encouraging safe medication disposal and participation in prescription drug take-back programs.

The approximately 4-by-6-foot bus shelter display illustrates proper disposal of unused or expired medications and includes information on National Take Back Day.

The artwork also features QR codes linking to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration website and additional year-round drop-off locations, providing accessible resources for community members to take action.

The artwork was displayed on 20 bus shelters throughout Anaheim and surrounding cities.

Waymakers' Project PATH has been providing alcohol and drug prevention services in the North Region of Orange County for the past two years. The program includes a "youth-led activities" component, empowering young people to take the lead on prevention efforts through creative campaigns, community outreach and skill-building opportunities.

Through its partnership with Girl Scout Troop 6170, Project PATH continues to support youth-driven solutions that promote safe and healthy communities.

- Submitted by Waymakers