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**BACK TO NATIVES RESTORATION AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS WILL ASSIST IN THE  
CREATION OF A HABITAT GARDEN AT SAN JUAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**IRVINE, Calif., December 2, 2007** – **Back to Natives Restoration** and volunteers from the community will assist students from San Juan Elementary in San Juan Capistrano to install a trail in their new habitat garden on December 16, 2007 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. The garden will feature locally native drought tolerant plants. It will improve habitat for animals and beautify the area for human visitors. Back to Natives is currently teaching the entire student body at San Juan Elementary about the ecosystem, habitat, and water conservation. Students are learning how to preserve our environment through conservation and habitat gardening.

The habitat garden project was made possible by grants from the Metropolitan Water District's Community Partnering Program, Project Learning Tree and the San Juan Elementary PTA.

Using shovels and wheelbarrows, volunteers will be moving DG (decomposed granite, a sandy substrate) from its delivery point in the parking lot, to the garden area where they will create a trail. The trail will assure that the habitat garden is interactive and useful for students for years to come. Entire classes will be able to walk through the garden for story time, reflection activities, applied math lessons, science experiments, music in nature and more.

Volunteers are asked to bring a refillable water bottle. Back to Natives' events are zero waste events, a water source will be available to refill volunteer water bottles. Volunteers should also bring gloves, sunscreen, snacks, a hat, and closed toe shoes. For more information or to RSVP: 949-509-4787 or email [info@backtonatives.org](mailto:info@backtonatives.org)

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