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BACK TO NATIVES RECEIVES GRANTS FROM TWO LOCAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Funds help keep volunteer based habitat restoration programs going strong.

SANTA ANA, Calif., August 2, 2016 – **Back to Natives Restoration**, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit public charity has received a \$5,300 grant from the Orange County Community Foundation (www.oc-cf.org) to support its successful service learning habitat restoration program along Santiago Creek in the Santa Ana River Watershed. The Pacific Life Foundation also recently granted Back to Natives \$2900 to repair its 2002 Subaru used to transport tools and volunteers to the Cleveland National Forest to restore habitat.

Back to Natives collaborates with the City of Santa Ana at the Santiago Park Nature Reserve and with the United States Forest Service in the Cleveland National Forest, where volunteers remove invasive non-native plants. Volunteers learn about the importance of biodiversity and habitat restoration as they perform meaningful community service to improve local wildlands for both wildlife and humans.

“We are so grateful for the support of the Orange County Community Foundation and Pacific Life Foundation,” said Back to Natives Executive Director Reginald Durant. “Support from foundations like these – along with corporate sponsorships and donations from individuals – make it possible for Back to Natives to involve the community in the process of ecological restoration and conservation and get the job done!”

About Back to Natives

Back to Natives Restoration, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is dedicated to the restoration and conservation of Orange County and California wild lands, through education and restoration programs featuring native plants as a centralizing theme. For more information, please visit www.backtonatives.org or call 949-509-4787.

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