



Spring-Up Like A Breath Of Fresh Air

Rays of bright sunshine beamed from above as New Community Corporation held its Spring-Up 2009, an annual event aimed at beautifying the exterior of NCC's properties.

Manor Senior, at 545 Orange St., was the first stop on the beautification tour. It was followed by Roseville Senior at 1 South 8th St., NCC Associates at 180 South Orange Ave., St. Rose of Lima at 11 Gray Street, and Hispanic Development, 540 Orange St., all taking place in the two weeks leading up to the long Memorial Day weekend.

"That's the purpose of planting—getting your hands dirty," said Ann Cherry, who has lived at Manor Senior for the past six years. "I just love the outside and watching things grow. Beautiful flowers help make the building look nice," she added.

Flowers including begonias, impatiens and the deep violet May Night Salvia helped give an instant facelift to the grounds of the buildings. Many residents said it reminded them of the days when they used to maintain a garden.

According to Leslie Leonor, NCC's Director of Social & Senior Health Care Services, who organized the Spring-Up and chose the colorful flowers, the planting was really all about "coming together as one family." During the event at Associates, he signaled everyone to start with an enthusiastic cry of "Let's Plant!"

"Residents, staff and friends have a great time. By combining our efforts, our homes look more beautiful," he said.

