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## **Thousands of volunteers will improve L.A., May 1**

**Who:** Local non-profit ShareFest Community Development and thousands of volunteers

**What:** ShareFest's 7th Annual Workday including hundreds of service projects in one day adding up to hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of community improvements

**Where:** Throughout the South Bay and Harbor areas

**When:** May 1

At Banning High School in Wilmington, students will soon have an entirely new quad. A muddy field will get new topsoil, a concrete meeting area with sidewalks, benches, planter boxes, a flagpole and even space for an organic garden. The project would normally cost LAUSD about \$400,000. But ShareFest and its volunteers will complete it for about \$15,000.

“ShareFest, Banning and LAUSD have really come together to help students take ownership of their school and pride in their education. This community effort is truly making Banning great,” said Windy Warren, assistant principal at Banning.

And that's only one project out of hundreds.

On May 1, thousands of volunteers will have a similar impact in almost every city throughout the South Bay and Harbor areas. They will construct an amphitheater at Da Vinci Charter School in Hawthorne, refurbish the San Pedro Math Science Technology Center, beautify dozens of schools and complete hundreds of projects free to recipients.

The ShareFest Workday uses resources and volunteers from local organizations, religious groups and business to complete tangible service projects at a fraction of what they would cost. By using community resources already in place, the Workday creates an immediate impact but also creates a cohesive community to last longer than one day.

“We want to make improvements that will actually have a practical effect on residents lives, and we want residents to come out and be a part of it.” Chad Mayer, ShareFest Managing Director, said. “We're expecting our biggest day ever.”

Last year's Workday included 8,000 volunteers and 255 projects.

**More info: [www.sharefestinc.org](http://www.sharefestinc.org) or (310) 626-8106**

*ShareFest is a non-profit, founded in 2006, that serves communities by meeting tangible needs. It has been repeatedly recognized statewide and nationally. It has made at least \$4.6 million worth of improvements to the Los Angeles area to date.*