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EVERYDAY TRASH IS A LOCAL ARTIST'S TREASURE

The Community Resource Center and Whittier Artists Put Their Creativity on Display During the Art of Recycling Fashion Runway Show



CRC Homework Assistance Program participant, Jazmin Ramon, walks the runway in her recycled design.

South Whittier, June 20, 2013 – What is born when creativity and recyclable trash mix? Incredibly imaginative art! During the Community Resource Center's (CRC) Art of Recycling showcase, Whittier area residents were able to see firsthand how their used recyclables can be reinvented into something exciting and functional. Students from the CRC's Homework Assistance Program joined other local artists to create wearable art using 100% recyclable

items such as newspaper, plastics, can tabs, candy wrappers, and other materials that most people toss in the trash. The students then showcased their garment creations in a fashion runway show.

The show's theme, *"Recycle, Reduce, Reuse, and Reinvent"* resonated throughout the event as artists demonstrated how the reinvention of everyday materials prevents wastefulness and reduces energy use and



pollution. Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe said, "It's so exciting to hear about the artistic creations that these youth produce when they let their imaginations soar. Their creativity is truly setting a great example for their community on new ways to help our environment."

A project of the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC), the CRC is funded by the Fourth Supervisorial District and works in collaboration with its onsite service providers to offer health, wellness, and educational programs for families, seniors, and youth.

The CRC is located at 10750 Laurel Avenue in South Whittier. For information on services provided by the CRC, please call (562) 946-2425, or visit the website at www.swcrc.org. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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