



## Partners in Progress with



Urban ReLeaf is one of 17 organizations statewide selected to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act administered by California ReLeaf. Urban ReLeaf’s mission is to empower Oakland and Richmond residents including children and youth to beautify their own neighborhoods with the belief that rehabilitation through tree planting and environmental awareness revitalizes our core urban spaces.



The \$200,000 grant for Urban ReLeaf’s Building Communities, One Tree at a Time project allowed this Oakland-based non-profit to plant nearly 600 trees, focusing primarily on the neediest areas of Richmond and Oakland – those particularly deprived of trees, parks, open spaces and other community services. The projects engaged community residents and city stakeholders in supporting urban forestry by holding communal tree plantings and enlisting the help of volunteers from the area.

Finally, this grant will allowed for training at-risk and hard-to-employ young people from the Oakland and Richmond area on tree planting and maintenance, such as weeding, mulching, re-mulching, watering, removing litter, re-staking and pruning. Urban ReLeaf conducted monthly workshops on tree planting as well as on overall environmental stewardship and the benefit of trees to the environment and the community.



### Fast Facts for the Urban ReLeaf ARRA Grant

**Jobs created: 2**

**Jobs Retained: 8**

**Trees Planted: 580**

**Trees Maintained: 2,250**

**Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 10,861**

**Lasting legacy: this project provided critical training in the green jobs sector for Bay Area at-risk youth while also creating a healthier, cleaner, and more livable environment for Richmond and Oakland residents and visitors.**

*“Urban reforestation is critical to changing the quality of environmental health in these communities. Urban ReLeaf’s innovative stewardship approach is the engine promoting environmental restoration in such communities.” – Kemba Shakur, Executive Director, Urban ReLeaf.*

