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[Petaluma, CA] – September 11, 2023 – Petaluma People Services Center is partnering with Petaluma City Schools, PEP Housing, the City of Petaluma, to launch of a unique community initiative that will bring together generations in Petaluma. The Petaluma Walking School Bus, a collaborative effort, aims to foster intergenerational connections while ensuring the safe passage of young students to McKinley Elementary School.

About the Petaluma Walking School Bus

The pilot launches on September 13, 2023, this heartwarming program will see seniors from the PEP Housing donning colorful Fish Kites as they accompany children on their walk to McKinley Elementary School. The Fish Kite symbolizes the unity and collective spirit of the group, much like a school of fish swimming together.

Building Bonds and Ensuring Safety

The Petaluma Walking School Bus serves a dual purpose. It not only promotes exercise and physical activity but also fosters connections between seniors and children, enhancing the sense of community in Petaluma. By walking together, our seniors become mentors, and our children, in turn, learn valuable life lessons from their elders.

In addition to building bonds, safety is a top priority. The Petaluma Walking School Bus ensures that children arrive at school safely and on time. With the support of PPSC, this program will provide a safe and enjoyable journey for all involved.

About Petaluma People Services Center

Celebrating 49 years of service, PPSC is dedicated to improving the social and economic health of our community by providing programs that strengthen the dignity and self-sufficiency of the individual.

About PEP Housing

PEP Housing is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing seniors with limited income access to affordable quality housing with supportive services and advocacy.

About the Petaluma City Schools

Petaluma City Schools delivers a high-quality, diverse, equitable, and inclusive education to all student scholars, so they creatively explore interests, collaboratively solve problems, and fully develop as resilient, caring, and responsible members of our community.

About the City of Petaluma

There is a lot to know about our City. We have an important history, excellent public amenities, a robust business community, a strong focus on sustainability and climate action, and a diverse housing program. The City's vision is articulated in many documents and plans and is overseen by many community members in their roles as City Council members and Committee & Commission members. www.cityofpetaluma.org.