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Bay Area Scientologists Rededicate Ideal Church of Los Gatos

On Saturday, July 28, fifteen hundred Scientologists from across the San Francisco Bay Area gathered to rededicate the Church of Scientology Los Gatos.

The ribbon cutting marked the transformation of the Ideal Church of Scientology (Ideal Org) to better accommodate its ever-growing congregation and to extend Church social betterment and humanitarian programs to all communities along the Santa Cruz Mountains and southwestern San Jose.

Ms. Erin Banks, Public Affairs Representative for the Church of Scientology International, highlighted the community partnership and collaboration that has characterized the Church's work for the past four decades: "Whether meeting with neighbors, local civic leaders, non-profit organizations or city officials, we truly cherish these partnerships and all they have contributed to our history here. This Church has served as a central meeting ground for community engagement and with this rededication we look forward to serving this city for another forty years."

Church Executive Director Ms. Lynn Hoffman spoke to the greater extent of service this Church may now provide parishioners and the community at large: "We newly open our doors to all who wish to learn more about our religion. Our evening and weekend seminars offer an introduction to fundamental principles of Dianetics and Scientology. Our array of Life Improvement Courses are here to assist anyone in any aspect of life. And our Scientology counseling is available for those seeking spiritual enlightenment. Today our dream is realized so that anyone may walk into our Church and discover not only a welcoming home, but a place where they can find real help and freedom."

Underscoring the significance of the occasion, Mr. David Miscavige, Chairman of the Board Religious Technology Center and ecclesiastical leader of the Scientology religion, joined local Church officials for the opening ceremony. In his dedication address, Mr. Miscavige told Los Gatos staff and parishioners: "A bright beginning dawns for you today, for you now possess the wherewithal to impart the infinite wisdom of L. Ron

Hubbard's technology. And with that, you bear a sacred responsibility to bring succor to those struck by misfortune, to rescue those abandoned in a forsaken nowhere, and to provide the indiscriminate help that is now our hallmark. These are the cornerstones on which we realize the Aims of Scientology and thus a civilization without insanity, without criminality, without war—a world where the able can prosper, where honest beings have rights and *all* are free to rise to greater heights. And, yes, the first light of that civilization breaks from just within those doors.”

The Los Gatos Ideal Org now houses state-of-the-art facilities presenting fundamentals of the religion to those new to the religion. Most prominent among them is the Public Information Center—an expansive exhibit of interactive displays containing more than 500 informational video presentations in 17 languages. At the touch of a button, visitors are provided an introduction to the beliefs and practices of Dianetics and Scientology, as well as the life of Founder L. Ron Hubbard. The displays further offer an overview of the many Scientology-sponsored programs for social betterment throughout the world. The Center is open for self-guided tours daily, from morning to night.

The Church's new Chapel not only accommodates all congregational services, but is also now fully equipped to host a wide range of events for the entire community—including lectures and seminars, film showings, banquets and receptions.

The Church further houses dedicated facilities for a wide range of Introductory Services, including evening and weekend Dianetics and Scientology seminars on fundamental principles and their application in life. Additional classrooms accommodate a wide array of introductory courses imparting Scientology tools to improve any facet of life.

The newly transformed Church also includes an ideal Hubbard Guidance Center for Scientology spiritual counseling, known as auditing, and an expanded Church Academy with multiple study rooms for the training of Scientology counselors.

The rededication of the Church of Scientology Los Gatos follows a series of new Ideal Orgs opened so far in 2012, including the Church of Scientology Buffalo, June 30; Church of Scientology Phoenix, June 23; Church of Scientology Denver, June 16; Church of Scientology Stevens Creek of San Jose, June 9; Church of Scientology Orange County, June 2; Church of Scientology Greater Cincinnati, February 25; Church of Scientology Sacramento, January 28; and Church of Scientology Hamburg, Germany, January 21.

Ideal Orgs realize Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard's vision for the religion. They not only provide the ideal facilities to service Scientologists on their ascent to greater states of spiritual awareness and freedom, but they are also designed to serve as a

home for the entire community and a meeting ground of cooperative effort to uplift citizens of all denominations.

Among the dozens of Ideal Orgs further opened in recent years are those that now stand in Los Angeles, Pasadena and Inglewood, California; Las Vegas, Nevada; Seattle, Washington; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota; New York, New York; Washington, D.C.; Tampa, Florida; Nashville, Tennessee; as well as Quebec City, Canada; Mexico City, Mexico; London, England; Melbourne, Australia; Brussels, Belgium; Madrid, Spain; Rome, Italy; Berlin, Germany; and Moscow, Russia. For a complete list of new Churches of Scientology, visit Scientology.org.

Six more new Ideal Orgs are scheduled for grand opening in 2012.

The Scientology religion was founded by author and philosopher L. Ron Hubbard. The first Church of Scientology was formed in Los Angeles in 1954 and the religion has expanded to more than 10,000 Churches, Missions and affiliated groups, with millions of members in 167 countries.