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A Different Kind of Facelift in Los Angeles: VecMobile Unveils New Look

Santa Fe Springs, CA— The Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation and the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) are proud to reveal a new look for their mobile science education laboratory, the VecMobile, or what students in Los Angeles County call the ‘Bug Bus’. The redesign features eye-catching 12-foot high mosquitoes in various stages of metamorphosis, magnified virus strands and a brand new logo. These life-like images offer a glimpse into the unique, scientific curriculum the Bug Bus offers to thousands of students throughout Greater Los Angeles County.

“I can’t wait to see the faces of students when they see our new Bug Bus redesign. I anticipate lots of jaws dropping.” says Education Program Coordinator LeShawn Simplis.

In April 2001, the 35-foot recreational vehicle was donated to the Foundation and retrofitted to become the mobile science laboratory that it is today. The Bug Bus is available at no-cost to fifth graders at all public and private elementary schools within GLACVCD’s boundaries, a territory spanning 1,330 square miles and serving more than 6 million people. After nearly a decade of extensive use, the redesign seeks to deliver a modern, professional appearance that adequately reflects the program’s high educational standards and caliber.

The program is designed to engage students in learning about vector control and disease prevention through unique, hands-on activities. Many of the youth benefitting from this educational program are inner-city students who may not otherwise have access to such science education resources and learning technologies. Students are empowered to learn by reading and working in groups to solve scientific problems in their environments. The program also intends to foster interest in students to pursue future careers in the fields of entomology, biology, and public health.

For more information about the VecMobile or to schedule an educational experience for your school, call (562) 944-9656 or visit www.glacvcd.org.

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About:

The Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation: The Foundation is a non-profit organization founded by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District to involve elementary schools in the subjects of vector control, public health and environmental sustainability. GLACVCD formed the foundation in March 2001 to further advance its existing educational program and community outreach efforts. For more information concerning the Foundation and its educational programs, visit www.glacvcd.org, or call (562) 944-9626.

The Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District: GLACVCD is a non-enterprise, independent, special district, enabled and empowered to act as a public health agency as a result of legislation incorporated in the California State Health and Safety Code. GLACVCD is one of five mosquito and vector control districts in Los Angeles County. The District serves approximately 6 million residents in a 1,330 square mile area, making GLACVCD the largest vector control district in Los Angeles County. For more information, visit www.glacvcd.org, or call (562) 944-9626.