

CREATING A GARDEN OF JUSTICE



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Kristen Plevell, 17, right, fills in dirt around a plant in the new "meditation garden" at the Path of Citrus County homeless shelter Saturday, along with her fellow Teen Court participants and volunteers. The program "tries" peers who are first-time, young offenders.

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From left, Lee Peterson, 15, Whitney Bennett, 17, and Richard Perry, 12, cool off with a water fight after creating the new "meditation garden" at the Path of Citrus County homeless shelter Saturday.

About 20 Teen Court participants and volunteers gathered Saturday to create a "meditation garden" at the Path of Citrus County homeless shelter in Beverly Hills. The program was one of 100 nationwide to receive a \$250 grant from the National Youth Court Center. The group, including County Judge Mark Yerman, planted marigolds, pansies and impatiens, installed lawn furniture, and hung wind chimes and a bird feeder for the shelter's residents to enjoy.



Dorothy Alley, 2, left, explores the newly planted garden at the Path of Citrus County homeless shelter Saturday as her mother, Autumn O'Neil, center, and Tracey Duncan, a Path official, finish landscaping.