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RTD BUS SHELTERS IN NORTH TAOS COUNTY TO FEATURE ART BY LOCAL STUDENTS

On Thursday, May 14, banners by local students were installed in four RTD (Blue Bus) shelters along its Questa route in support of the students and the “Luz es Vida – Light is Life” youth education program in Questa and the surrounding area.

During March and April over 220 students from Alta Vista, Costilla Academy, and Roots and Wings Community Schools, as well as some local homeschooling families, began painting 4’ x 9’ banners in workshops facilitated by LEAP (Land, Experience and Art of Place). Students were allowed to determine the content of their art and asked to create in the spirit of the “Luz es Vida – Light is Life” theme. The art pieces were unveiled at an Earth Day, youth-centered celebration at OCHO Art + Event Space.

“We are honored to be able to provide a platform to showcase the talent and creativity of these young artists,” stated Jim Fambro, NCRTD Board member and Taos County Commissioner. “A drive up NM522 is now even more beautiful with the addition of these creative works of art!”

“As our future Earth Stewards, the students were excited to use Earth Day and LEAP’s 2015 theme “Luz es Vida” to inspire the creation of these beautiful pieces. We are proud of them and excited that we have a venue to share these works of art with the community,” declared Claire Coté, Director at LEAP.

Currently, four banners are in place with a fifth banner to be hung shortly. Locations include the RTD shelters at the Questa Chevron, Gonzales Rd. at NM 522, La Lama Rd. at NM 522, and Arroyo Hondo at NM 522 and Old Highway 3.

“Luz es Vida” is a themed series of events, projects and youth education programs in Questa and the surrounding areas. It is collaboratively organized by LEAP, US Forest Service Questa Ranger District, BLM Taos Field Office, Village of Questa Tourism, and other partners. The event series highlights and celebrates local knowledge, creativity, talent, and the natural and cultural heritage of our area.

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For more information about LEAP or the "Luz es Vida" event series, please visit,
www.leapsite.org

The North Central Regional Transit District's RTD ("Blue Buses") provide free bus service Monday through Friday to a service area that encompasses over 10,000 square miles of north central New Mexico including the counties of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe and Taos; the Cities of Santa Fe and Española and the Towns of Taos and Edgewood; as well as the Pueblos of Pojoaque, Ohkay Owingeh, Nambé, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara and Tesuque. The company's signature "RTD Blue Buses" provide additional transit connections to New Mexico Rail Runner, Santa Fe Trails, NMDOT Park and Ride, Los Alamos Atomic City Transit, Taos Chile Line and Red River Miner's Transit. All of its buses are equipped with bike racks and are ADA accessible.

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