

## Ponditat For Humanity Builds Feature for Disabled

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Contractors built a pondless waterfall at PossAbilities physical rehabilitation unit in Loma Linda, California, for the 2011 Ponditat For Humanity project. The Ponditat For Humanity project included a dedication stone that reads: In Recognition of Their Contributions to Our Community Through Healing and Rehabilitation With Integrity. The International Professional Pond Companies Association's Ponditat For Humanity program constructed a pondless feature in early November for the PossAbilities physical rehabilitation unit of Loma Linda University Medical Center East Campus in Loma Linda, Calif.

About 20 contractors took part in the two-day Ponditat For Humanity construction project, which IPPCA valued at more than \$20,000. It was the sixth Ponditat For Humanity project completed since the association launched the project as a way to educate contractors through pond builds while also benefitting charitable causes.

The construction of this Ponditat For Humanity project included a presentation by Eric Triplett on using Elk Grove, Calif.-based Tierra Innovation's Rockin Foam. Triplett designed the water feature and donated the rock columns through his The Pond Digger business.

"Building this water feature for PossAbilities with the IPPCA is huge for us here at The Pond Digger," Triplett said. "We love the goals and mission statements from both these organizations and it helps us with our mission of 'touching people's lives with water.'"

The Ponditat For Humanity project also showcased advanced plumbing techniques using manifolds, as demonstrated by Mike White of Batavia, Ill.-based White Water Filters, and the use of Eco-Blox, said Dave Jones, IPPCA chairman.

The pondless water feature includes four 5-foot-tall drilled rock columns, a 3-foot-wide spillway and a large piece of driftwood. The pondless water feature uses a two-pump (one external, one submerged) recirculation system that moves a combined 11,000 gallons per hour.

"PossAbilities is grateful to have been chosen to receive a professionally installed water feature through the Ponditat For Humanity program of the IPPCA," said Pedro Payne, manager of PossAbilities. "This water feature will help to enhance the healing environment for our members as the soothing sound of running water helps to create a natural environment conducive to healing and well-being."

Sponsors of the project included Firestone, Atlantic Water Gardens, Easy Pro Pond Products, Ewing Irrigation, Sequence Pumps, Fielding Pumps, The Pond Digger, Graystone Industries, White Water Filters and The Pond Professional.