

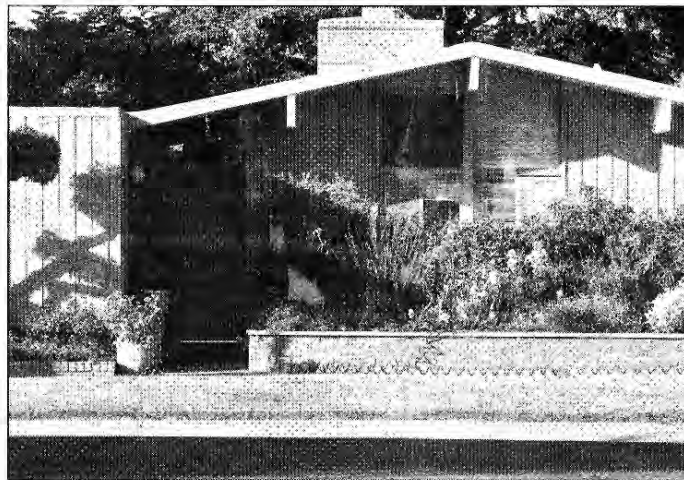
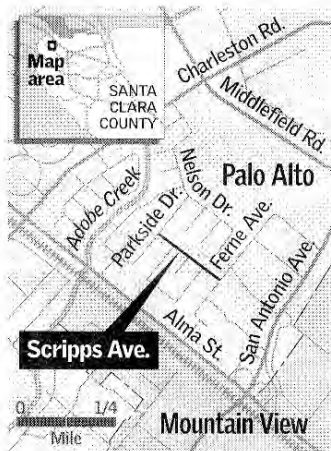
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NEIGHBORHOODPROFILE

SCRIPPS AVENUE

RESIDENT OF PALO ALTO LOCATION SAYS 'EVERYONE REACHES OUT'



When Robin Modlin learned that a neighbor's child has a serious illness, she turned the power of her community into art. Residents of the Greenmeadow neighborhood in south Palo Alto, which includes Scripps Avenue, came together to create prayer flags to celebrate Sophia Sachs' life.

About 150 colorful, cotton flags hang from the beamed ceiling of the home Sophia shares with parents Karen Herzog and Richard Sachs. They are inspired by traditional prayer flags of Tibet.

Sophia, who will turn 3 this month, "enjoys hearing about the pictures and the stories

This is a Joseph Eichler-designed house on Scripps Avenue. The Greenmeadow neighborhood has some of the first Eichler homes.

that are in them," Herzog said.

It is "just a simple idea and a young child in need," said Modlin, 51, a fabric-and-mosaic artist and a 15-year resident of Scripps Avenue.

Neighbor Sigrid Pinsky said the "Prayer Flags for Sophia" project is not an isolated event. "It is actually very consistent with living here — everyone reaches out."

THE RESIDENTS: Pinsky lives in a 1,900-square-foot home down the street from Sophia's house. She, her husband, Jim,

and their three children are moving less than a half-mile to a bigger home on Scripps Avenue. Homes in the neighborhood have sold recently for \$530,000 for a condominium to \$975,000 for a single-family residence, reported CalREsource, which tracks real estate transactions.

ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Scripps Avenue runs straight into the community center, the hub of neighborhood activity. There is a pool and a swimming team, a preschool that

leases the center's space, a gym and Greenmeadow Park with a basketball court, picnic tables and barbecue pits.

That is where Stephanie Harms, 32, walks Daisy, the family's 2-year-old yellow lab, daily.

"I love it here, everybody is so friendly. It is like a small town," Harms said. Harms, who works in Menlo Park, also enjoys her seven-minute walk to the Caltrain station at San Antonio Road. "It is very convenient," she said.

MAKING HISTORY: Greenmeadow is a 22-block neighborhood between East Charleston, Middlefield and San Antonio roads. The 270-home development showcases some of the first homes by builder Joseph Eichler.

About eight years ago, the neighborhood architectural committee succeeded in securing a city ordinance banning second-story additions. "It is not only the uniqueness of the Eichler architecture, but the homeowners' understanding of its modern value that ensured preservation," said KC Marciniak, an architect who won two national prizes for her renditions of remodeled Eichler homes.

— Laila Craveiro