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**SOLANO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT TO HELP MEALS ON WHEELS  
ROLL OUT WEBSITE**

FAIRFIELD – Local nonprofit Meals on Wheels of Solano County does not have a Web site to raise public awareness. But that’s about to change with the help of Solano Community Foundation.

Thanks to the Community Memorial Fund, a fund created last year by local leaders and Solano Community Foundation, Meals on Wheels received a \$1,000 grant this week to create a Web site that will direct traffic to their services.

“I’m very thankful that there is a Community Memorial Fund grant available through the Foundation to local nonprofits,” said Saskia Lembesis, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels. “It’s an honor.”

Last year, local leaders recognized the need to create a fund that could lead the community toward better future. Solano Community Foundation responded to this call by creating the Community Memorial Fund, which gives all the opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation in any amount through the memory of a loved one. Once a year, funds collected are awarded as grants to qualified nonprofits in Solano County.

For the Fund’s first year, Meals on Wheels of Solano County garnered the grant.

“We are delighted that Meals on Wheels was selected for the inaugural grant from the Community Memorial Fund. They are an important institution in Solano County, providing needed services to a vulnerable population,” said Stephanie Wolf, President and CEO of Solano Community Foundation. “Our donors are pleased with this choice, and we look forward to the Fund growing so that we can make more grants like this every year.”

Meals on Wheels, a nonprofit committed to providing and delivering meals to seniors, was selected by the Foundation’s Grants Committee from a pool of five local nonprofits, nominated by last year’s

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donors. The Committee chose Meals on Wheels based for their most urgent need of creating a Web site to increase public awareness, increase donations, and recruit new volunteers.

“This is a great opportunity for us to start building a site for Meals on Wheels to inform our community that we are here,” Lembesis said. “We are definitely heading toward the aging pool, which will be quadrupling in the next 30 years. We are here so no senior goes hungry in Solano County for tomorrow or the future.”

For more information on the Community Memorial Fund, or to make a donation for 2009, please visit our Web site at [www.solanocf.org](http://www.solanocf.org) or call 707.399.3846.

The Solano Community Foundation was established in 1995, incorporated in 2000, and is dedicated to strengthening the community now and for future generations. It is a 501(c)(3) organization which provides the opportunity for donors to make a lasting contribution to causes in Solano County that are close to their hearts, and to build capacity in the nonprofit community. Stephanie Wolf, President and CEO of the Solano Community Foundation, can be reached at 707-399-3846.

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