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SOLANO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS AIMED AT IMPROVING EDUCATION IN VALLEJO

FAIRFIELD, CA. – Seeds planted earlier this year by Solano Community Foundation with their new program called the Nonprofit Partnership Program have come to fruition with the availability of grants for Vallejo nonprofits.

The Nonprofit Partnership Program, now with 182 members representing vast areas of interest, was created to promote partnerships among community members and designed to broaden the vision for community well-being. As part of its mission to help local nonprofits offer their important services to Solano County residents, competitive grants are offered to one designated city each year in Solano County. For 2009, the Program began with its focus in Vallejo.

A simple survey was distributed in August 2009 to the public with questions targeting the highest identified community needs. Responses collected found *Education* as the top issue concerning Vallejo residents, followed by Basic Needs and Job/Livable Wages – areas that are all interconnected with one another.

In October 2009, Solano Community Foundation convened a forum of NPP members to review and discuss the top issues as identified through the survey. In response to Education as the top issue, the participants were asked to identify what they thought was most needed to address that issue. These needs include an increase in community engagement and volunteerism; improvement on the quality of education; and parent engagement/responsibility. To read the report, visit www.solanocf.org.

In an effort to address these needs in Vallejo, Solano Community Foundation will be awarding grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that focus on improving these solutions. Grant awards will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The total amount to be awarded will not exceed \$5,000.00.

Applications are online at www.solanocf.org and will be accepted beginning January 4, 2010 and must be received on or before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2010.

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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 501c(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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