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SOLANO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MAKES GRANTS TO HELP YOUTH PROGRAMS

FAIRFIELD, CA. – After school programs at the Matt Garcia Learning Center and Crystal Middle School will receive funding to offer educational and life skill resources thanks to grants from Solano Community Foundation's Nonprofit Partnership Program.

The Nonprofit Partnership Program (NPP), now in its second year of funding programs to support nonprofits in the community, is excited to award \$5,000 to 2B Successful Youth's STEMulate Project and \$2,500 to CAP Solano's Suisun City After School Program for projects that help youth make better choices in their lives.

The STEMulate Project, an after school program with hands-on, inquiry-based learning, will use the funds to provide a grade-level approach led by trained adult staff, volunteers and students who operate from a perspective that youth are partners and resources in their own development. The program is conducted at the Matt Garcia Learning Center.

Community Action Partnership of Solano (CAP Solano) will use the \$2,500 to help implement a program at Crystal Middle School geared to engage at-risk youth in a valuable and meaningful after school program with a variety of activities where life skills can be coached. This pilot project was created by an advisory group as a way to challenge Suisun City youth to succeed in a program designed by students and supported by community-based volunteers.

Funding for these projects comes as a result of a survey distributed in Fairfield and Suisun City, followed by NPP members convening to review the results and discuss the top issues facing the

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Fairfield and Suisun City areas - education was ranked as the top concern. Nonprofits competing for these grants needed to address one or more of the following needs: 1. Providing and promoting mentoring for children and youth, 2. Offering life skills/college-career training to youth, and 3. Working with local businesses to hire and train high school students.

“The community told us their most pressing concerns. The NPP grants are made in response to these needs,” stated Stephanie Wolf, President and CEO of the Foundation. “We look forward to seeing the progress these grants affect on the youth who participate in Fairfield and Suisun City.”

The Nonprofit Partnership Program, established in 2009, issued its first grant of \$5,000 last year as part of its mission to provide a vehicle amid challenging times. The Program acts as a convener of forums to gather and disperse input from the community, improves capacity-building, and strengthens, develops and serves Solano County nonprofits.

Nonprofits, along with businesses, government entities, corporations, and individual leaders, are welcome to become members of NPP by visiting www.solanocf.org or calling 707.399.3846. Membership of \$25 per calendar year includes participation in specialized workshops, networking opportunities, and partnership programs.

The Solano Community Foundation was established in 1995, incorporated in 2000. 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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