

# Sidney Lyons Funds VCCF Leadership Series for Alcohol & Drug Prevention and Treatment

Many met Sidney Lyons during the Christmas holidays when, dressed as Santa Claus, the former accountant annually handed out holiday cheer on Main Street in Ventura in the form of \$20 bills. It was a rare public moment for the private man whose death last year will result in a sizable investment in nonprofit leadership in Ventura County.



Lyons battled with addiction issues for a large part of his life and felt strongly that this was an area on which his philanthropy should focus. In addition to supporting the *Christian Children's Fund* and the University of Minnesota Foundation, VCCF was designated as a partner in his legacy to help those whose problems he understood.

The *Sidney Lyons Endowment Fund*, established at VCCF through an estate gift, will provide an annual series of leadership seminars for organizations that serve addicts and those struggling with addiction to alcohol and drugs. Earnings from the fund will provide support for VCCF's well-regarded Resource Center for Nonprofit Management to put on these seminars, which will be named in honor of their funder. Attendees who are themselves recovering alcoholics and/or drug addicts will be given preference.

"The Resource Center is dedicated to training the leaders of Ventura County's nonprofit community," noted VCCF board member and Advisory Board chair Sally Yount. "We are pleased to translate Sidney Lyons' commitment to help others into a long-lasting program that will make a difference in their leadership."

The Sidney Lyons Leadership Series will be launched in the spring of 2005. For further details visit [www.vccf.org](http://www.vccf.org).

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# \$72,000 in Grants Awarded to Assist Women in Ventura County

VCCF's *Women's Legacy Fund (WLF)* has awarded \$72,000 in grants to eight organizations whose work improves the lives of women and girls in Ventura County. The awards were made at a reception at the Carnegie Library in Oxnard attended by 60 people. The keynote address was provided by retiring Assembly Member Hannah-Beth Jackson whose remarks focused on recent legislative action on issues important to women.

This year the WLF grants focused on education, training and economic opportunities for women, which also included housing, childcare and transportation assistance. These are often stumbling blocks for women trying to work their way out of poverty. There was a special emphasis on supporting programs that provide these services for women who have been the victims of physical, sexual or domestic violence.

"The organizations we honored this year are those that provide education, job-skills training, emergency care, affordable housing, childcare and transportation assistance to needy women in the county," said Robin Woodworth, a member of the Foundation's board of directors and a WLF founder.

"Thanks to the support of many wonderful contributors from throughout the county, we are able to make these grants to many worthwhile organizations."

The largest of the grants, \$13,800, was awarded to Many Mansions for Stoll House,



*(l-r) Keynote speaker and retiring Assembly Member Hannah-Beth Jackson and reception attendee Celeste Weingardt.*

which assists homeless women and their families transition to permanent housing and economic self-sufficiency. The program provides transitional housing, job-skills training and childcare while teaching women financial planning with the goal of saving enough for the first and last month's deposit on an apartment. Other 2004 grant recipients were RAIN Communities Inc.; Women's Economic Ventures; Many Motors; Rescue Mission Alliance; the Coalition to End Family Violence; Lutheran Social Services; and the Employment, Aptitude & Placement Association.

"This is the first time that a program focused on providing cars for work transportation has received a grant. In a county where public transportation is limited and businesses are not centrally located, not owning a car often severely limits a woman's job options," said

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Director of Grants Tina Knight, referring to the grant awarded to Many Motors.

Founded in 1995, the WLF is the only permanent endowment fund specifically designed to address the needs of women and girls in Ventura County. Since its inception the WLF has granted over \$400,000 to more than 60 locally based programs. "Contributors share a concern for making our world a better place by offering women and girls the support and skills to reach their full potential," said Woodworth.



Pictured at the Women's Legacy Fund reception are (l-r) Sylvia Munoz Schnopp (Women's Economic Ventures VC Regional Director), Heather Freeman (Freeman Architecture & Engineering in Camarillo, WEV Graduate), Oscar Cosby (LA Times Public Affairs), and Denise Kriske (Colorful Phrases in Oxnard, WEV Graduate).

## New Controller Named

Clare M. Brown, CPA, has been appointed to the newly created position of controller for VCCF. A resident of Camarillo, Brown spent the past 11 years with Ventura-based Shallenberger & Roberts. Prior, she was associated with Sandall, Bernacchi & Petrovich in Oxnard. Brown is a graduate of California State University, Northridge, with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

"With our Foundation now at over \$50 million in assets and an annual grant budget in excess of \$2.5 million, it became important to expand our finance and accounting staff to better serve our donors," said VCCF President Hugh Ralston. "We are delighted to have Clare join our talented staff."

## Local Women Learn About Financial and Estate Planning at VCCF

Women from throughout Ventura County learned the basics of financial and estate planning at a free seminar sponsored by the Ventura County Community Foundation's *Women's Legacy Fund*. The seminar included practical information about estate planning including wills, trusts and living wills as well as financial strategies for managing wealth growth.

"It is vitally important that women have the education, confidence and empowerment they need to take control of their financial future," said Sandra Masiel, a *Women's Legacy Fund* founder and one of the event's speakers. "All of the presenters at this unique seminar are highly experienced and especially interested in helping women attain financial security and understand charitable strategies. Each of the presenters graciously agreed to donate her time and share her knowledge in order to advance the skills of our donors, founders and women in the community."

Presenters at the seminar included: Attorney Loye Barton, secretary/treasurer of the Ventura County Bar Association; Pamela Kelty, CPA, Soares, Sandall, Bernacchi & Petrovich, LLP; Midge Storke, CFP, *Leave a Legacy* Program, American Express (retired); and Masiel, senior vice president and retirement planning specialist at Morgan Stanley. Additional sessions are being scheduled for the spring of 2005, including one in the east county. For those interested in participating, please contact the Foundation for more information.

# Is VCCF in Your Year-End Stocking?

It is that time of the year when the appeals are piling up in your mailbox, or on your desk, asking for a year-end gift. As we all look at ways to stretch our charitable dollars to meet many worthy causes, don't forget VCCF. There are many ways that your year-end gift can be put to good use at the Community Foundation.

VCCF accepts two types of gifts. The first is a gift to endowment funds that will exist in perpetuity – either those established by donors or those by the Community Foundation itself. Annual gifts are a second option, which provide an opportunity for the donor to supplement the annual grants budget, provide for operating expenses, or assist in a particular project. Endowment gifts live in perpetuity while annual gifts allow us to stretch in 2005 to meet the needs of the community.

## Endowment

In making an endowment gift, you can add to your own donor-advised fund, add to an endowment fund supporting your favorite charity, or add to one of VCCF's field-of-interest funds.

You can also add to VCCF's *Cornerstone Administrative Endowment* that provides ongoing support for the operations of the Community Foundation and for our outreach to donors and to nonprofits serving Ventura County.

## Expand Annual Grants Budget

Many of VCCF's donor-advised and field-of-interest funds

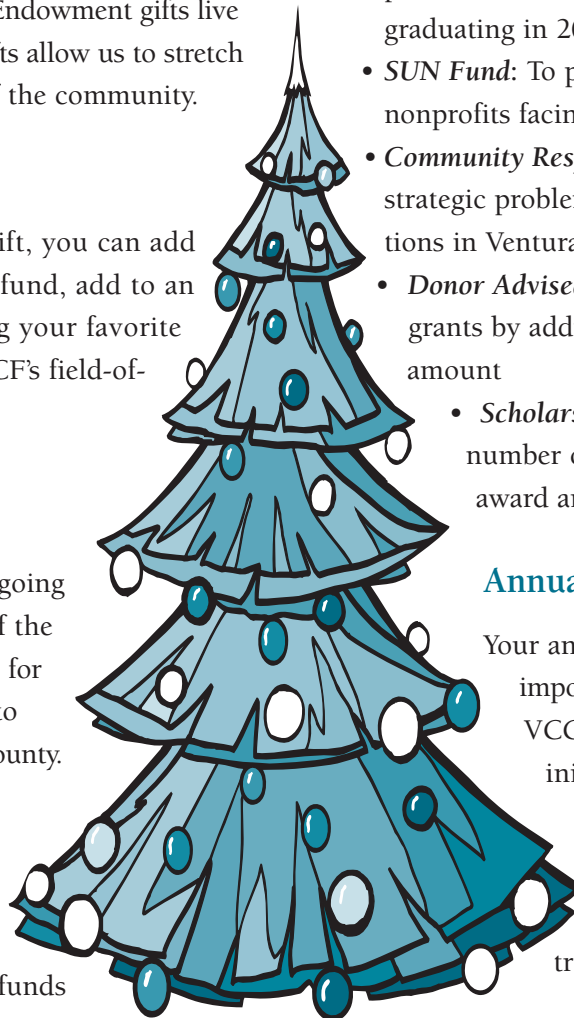
can be supported through annual gifts which increase the grants budget for 2005. VCCF's funds include:

- *Destino*: To provide grants to enhance health literacy in the underserved segments of the Latino community
- *Destino's Latino Literacy Initiative*: Grants to be given out in the areas of financial literacy and reading & writing literacy
- *Women's Legacy*: To fund programs serving women and girls in the county
- *Farmworker Housing*: To provide seed money for projects to build new housing
- *Scholarship Fund for Ventura County*: To provide scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2005
- *SUN Fund*: To provide emergency support to nonprofits facing an urgent need in 2005
- *Community Response Fund*: To help address strategic problems facing nonprofit organizations in Ventura County
- *Donor Advised Funds*: Extend this year's grants by adding to the annual distribution amount
- *Scholarship Funds*: Expand the number of scholarships or increase the award amount for designated awards.

## Annual Operating Support

Your annual support can also provide important operating support to VCCF, its programs and other initiatives. You can:

- Sponsor a workshop at the Resource Center – help to underwrite important training for nonprofit leaders



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## New Board Leadership for 2005

With a new fiscal year beginning October 1, VCCF's board of directors welcomed a new chair and several new committee chairs. The board also authorized the establishment of two new board committees, Audit and Personnel, so that the board can address its responsibilities more effectively. Listed below are the new officers and the committee/sub-committee chairs for the 2004-05 year.

### New Officers

Chair	Mary Leavens Schwabauer
Treasurer	Ron Hertel
Secretary	Sally Yount

### Committee/Subcommittee Chairs

Committee	Chair
Administration & Finance	Tim McCallion

### Subcommittee

Investment	Robert Katch
Personnel	Sally Yount
Technical Advisory	Charles Schultz
Charitable Gift Annuity	Charles Schultz

### Committee

Programs & Grants	Wendy Lascher
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### Subcommittee

Scholarship Advisory	Mary Schwabauer
Destino: Hispanic Legacy Fund	Hank Lacayo
Women's Legacy Fund	Carmen Ramirez
Heritage Fund	Mary Schwabauer
Farmworker Housing	Hank Lacayo
Civic Alliance	Stacy Roscoe
Resource Center	Sally Yount

### Committee

Communications	Denis Dupuis
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Strategic Planning	Mary Schwabauer
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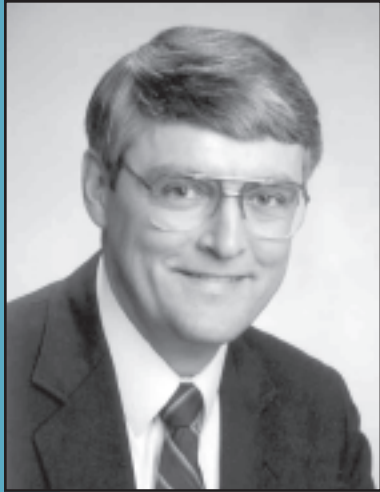
## VCCF Receives \$10,000 Community Dividend

The Ventura County Community Foundation was one of more than 100 organizations to receive a "Community Dividend" from the Bank of Montecito as part of the bank's second annual \$1 million contribution to the nonprofit sector in its business marketplace, which now stretches from Westlake Village to the Santa Ynez Valley. Among the other Ventura County organizations receiving grants were the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Ventura County, Conejo Valley Senior Concerns, Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County, Many Mansions and the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition.

VCCF President Hugh Ralston received the \$10,000 check at a well-attended luncheon at the Santa Barbara Biltmore, hosted by the bank and its owner, Michael Towbes. In his remarks, Towbes noted how much fun it was to give back to the community and said that he hoped that the bank would set an example for other corporate and business leaders.

Ralston noted that the grants represented a significant form of leadership since it was the second time that the bank had given \$1 million in community contributions. "We remain very grateful to this generous contribution," he said. "We salute Mike Towbes and the bank for their partnership with nonprofits throughout the county." Ralston said the dividend will be used to fund scholarships awarded throughout Ventura County through the Scholarship Fund for Ventura County.

# Charles Schultz Elected to Board of Directors



Charles Schultz, an attorney who specializes in charitable giving and estate planning, was unanimously elected to the Ventura County Community Foundation board of directors.

“The board of directors plays a critical role in helping the Foundation fulfill its mission and make Ventura County a better place to live and work,” said Mary L. Schwabauer, VCCF chair of the board. “Charles has served on various committees over the past several years and has been an important partner in our planned giving efforts. We are delighted to have him on the board, and I look forward to working with him in the coming years.”

Schultz is founder and president of Crescendo Interactive, Inc., a planned-giving software company based in Camarillo. He is the principal author of the Crescendo Planned Giving Software system and the GiftLegacy Pro eMarketing system. Twice a year he is producer and moderator for the popular GiftLaw Satellite Teleconferences. In addition, he is editor for the GiftLaw.com charitable tax planning Web site and writes the weekly *GiftLaw* and *GiftLegacy* eNewsletters. Schultz, who teaches more than 30 planned-giving seminars annually, received his law degree from the University of Michigan with further tax specialization training at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Schultz has served for a number of years on the VCCF Technical Advisory Committee where he has just been elected chair. He is also on the Charitable Gift Annuity Committee and was instrumental in launching this product to benefit VCCF and charities throughout the county.

## Year-End Stocking ...continued from page 3

- Join the Associates – provide operating support for the Foundation and contribute to the administrative endowment
- Join the Partners Program and/or 3E Institutional Partners Program of the Civic Alliance – help to sustain important work of regional civic leadership as the Alliance develops strategies to address growth and sustainability challenges

A gift to VCCF will spread the holiday joy throughout the year, throughout the county,



and help those organizations whose missions you care about and who serve those in need.

Thank you for your generous support of our good work. Please call us if you have questions about any of the programs or about your gift-giving options.

## Second Round of Farmworker Housing Grants to be Announced Soon

Up to \$75,000 will be awarded by the *Ventura County Fund for Farmworker Housing* later this year for projects that preserve, enhance and increase the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for agricultural workers in Ventura County. Earlier this year, the Fund awarded its first grants of \$127,500 to three organizations for development projects in Santa Paula and Oxnard as well as an innovative countywide education and engagement effort.

“Ventura County is a large agricultural region, and we face an urgent need for affordable farmworker housing,” said Foundation President Hugh Ralston. “Grants from this Fund will help address the need for housing so that agriculture can continue to be one of the county’s greatest economic assets.”

According to Ralston, the Fund will focus its grant making on farmworker housing projects that identify and/or acquire land to be used for construction, initiate and/or enable housing development, or preserve or rehabilitate existing



*VCCF's housing grants will make housing more accessible and affordable for agricultural workers in the county.*

substandard housing that will be restricted to farmworkers. Funds will also be directed to programs that engage, educate, and develop community leadership and those that support innovative solutions for attracting capital and other resources.

The *Ventura County Fund for Farmworker Housing* was created in 2003 with an initial grant from Washington Mutual. It has since received an additional contribution by Pacific Capital Corp.

## Destino Business Council Raises More than \$45,000

Since launching in May, the Destino Business Council has raised more than \$45,000 for *Destino: The Hispanic Legacy Fund's* endowment. A series of breakfast meetings this fall has raised the profile of the Council's efforts. Co-chaired by Manuel Muñoz, publisher of *VIDA* newspaper, and Alfredo Plascencia, owner of Radio Lazer, the council is dedicated to raising funds for the

# Destino

The Hispanic Legacy Fund  
VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Destino endowment. Membership is open to Latino business owners in Ventura County or those businesses that serve the Latino community. For more information, please contact the Destino program director at (805) 988-0196, extension 27.

# Resource Center Hires Full-Time Director

Grace Padilla-Kastenberg has been named the first full-time director of the VCCF Resource Center, effective December 6. “Thanks to the generosity of several donors over the past year, including Haas Automation and the Emily & Robert Hall Charitable Fund, we are able to move forward in a major way to hire a full-time director,” said VCCF President Hugh Ralston. “This will make a major difference in our program outreach and will help fulfill the dreams of all of those who have supported the Resource Center and its endowment campaign over the years. Grace brings strong experience, dedication and passion to our mission to strengthen nonprofits in Ventura County.”



*New Resource Center Director  
Grace Padilla-Kastenberg*

Grace brings to the position 10 years of experience as a consultant and program officer, including four years with the California Endowment. She was particularly interested in joining VCCF because of its “commitment to help build capacity in the nonprofit organizations serving Ventura County’s many communities. As a program officer I could see how important these tools and skills are and I look forward to harnessing VCCF’s commitment to strengthen this important sector,” she said.

Advisory Board Chair Sally Yount says that the Foundation had “many strong candidates for this position, but Grace brings an unusual combination of skill, ambition and experience.” Echoing her comments is VCCF Board Chair Mary Schwabauer, who says that she looks forward to Grace bringing her “experience and commitment to strengthen the important work of the Resource Center. We are excited about the potential that lies ahead.”

## Investment Performance

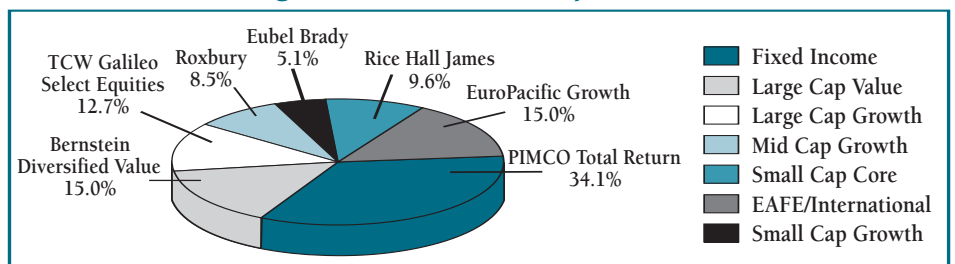
Careful stewardship of investment assets is a key responsibility of VCCF. We are pleased to share results of our investment pool. Through the end of our fiscal year, September 30, 2004. For more information, please contact Donna Logan, vice president of finance and administration, at (805) 988-0196, extension 12.

### Performance Summary (as of 9/30/04)

	Last Quarter	Last Year	Last 3 Years	Last 5 Years	Last 7 Years	Last 10 Years
Total Fund Composite	(0.8)	12.3	9.1	7.1	6.4	10.3
Custom Index	0.1	11.7	6.4	2.8	5.1	9.0
Manager Index*	(0.3)	12.0	7.5	4.7	5.9	10.0

\* The Manager Index is composed of the Russell 3000/Lehman Bros. Aggregate Bond/MSCI EAFE components based on the actual allocation percentages of the Total Fund.

### Manager Allocation Summary (as of 9/30/04)



# Spotlight: Investing in the

Investing in the future of Ventura County can take many forms. None resonate as strongly as investing in our youth, which the Ventura County Community Foundation takes great pride in doing. Since 1992, we have provided over \$1.3 million in awards, staking our students to a better future.

Over this past year alone, VCCF has provided scholarships and grants totaling more than \$300,000. A team of volunteers from throughout the county reviewed more than 900 applications, from which over 240 students were chosen.

Our scholarship programs vary, and reflect both the interests and generosity of many. Some are memorial or general scholarship funds named in honor of family members. Some, such as the *Berenice Barnard Music Specialist Scholarship* and *Helen Mathilda Yunker Music Scholarship*, specifically support the education of music students.

Others, such as the *Calavo* and *Saticoy Lemon Association Employee Scholarships*, support students from our agricultural areas.

And there is *The TEACH Fund* scholarships, which help foster students cope with the financial responsibilities of adulthood as they emerge from the care of the state. For some of these students, who don't have the backing of parents or stable families, this is a lifeline to a promising future.

One of our recent grassroots efforts is the *Scholarship Fund for Ventura County*. Partnering with the *Star*



*Scholars Program*, VCCF this year – for the first time – provided \$500 scholarship awards to 78 students representing every high school in the county. The \$39,000 needed to achieve this was raised through 180 individual donors plus a challenge grant from Haas Automation. Each donor invested \$30 in the college education of these students and

## First Multi-Year Scholarship Program Announced

The *James C. Basile Scholarship Fund* was started by Jim Basile, a local lawyer who had a great interest in providing scholarships and other funds to help children and young adults rise above their circumstances to gain an education and improve their lives. He started the Fund in 1999 with a gift of \$72,675. When he passed away in January 2003, he left the bulk of his estate to the Fund; it is now over \$6 million. The remainder of his estate went to two other VCCF scholarship funds, the *Roy A. Gustafson Memorial Scholarship Fund* and the *Iris & Roger (Spike) Wilkins Scholarship Fund*.

VCCF anticipates the payout from the *Basile Scholarship Fund* to be approximately \$300,000 annually, which will more than double the size of VCCF's current scholarship program! Now, in keeping with Mr. Basile's intent to award scholarships to students in any academic year, the VCCF Scholarship Committee has modified the awards from one-year to multi-year renewable scholarships.

Graduating high school seniors, college freshmen, sophomores or juniors who will or have graduated

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# Future

received in return something far greater than the price of a movie date or a new hardback novel. Each donor has a stake in the future skills of a local student leader and in their contribution to a better future. Our goal is to raise additional contributions this year by finding 1,000 donors who will each contribute \$30 to strengthen the future of a student in their hometown.

VCCF is unveiling two new programs that will extend the dream of higher education to an even greater number of deserving individuals. One is a three-year grant from the *Orfalea Fund* which provides grants to students who want to practice nursing in Ventura County. The other is a four-year scholarship program made possible through a \$6 million bequest from the Basile estate, (see related stories).

All of these scholarship programs reflect the heart of the Community Foundation's mission – working with donors large and small to harness the power of philanthropy in Ventura County to serve the needs of the county.

Investing in scholarships reflects one of the best investments we can ever make: one generation staking the next. Please join our efforts. Details on all of our scholarship programs can be found at [www.vccf.org](http://www.vccf.org).

## New Nursing Scholarship Opportunity for Ventura County Students



The Ventura County Community Foundation has announced the availability of a new scholarship opportunity for nursing students who intend to practice in Ventura County upon completion of their studies. This three-year award program is funded by a grant from the *Orfalea Fund* in Santa Barbara and represents an expansion of VCCF's efforts to provide assistance for students seeking to strengthen their skills.

“We are enormously grateful for the partnership with the *Orfalea Fund*,” noted VCCF Board Chair Mary Schwabauer who also chairs the Foundation's Scholarship Advisory Committee. “This represents a strategic investment in meeting the real needs for nurses in Ventura County, and VCCF is pleased to provide this opportunity.”

The recently established *Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Awards* will provide financial resources for applicants with financial need who have demonstrated the capacity for success in achieving a college education by pursuing a degree in nursing. The awards will range from \$2,000 to \$5,000, depending upon program parameters at the college or university in which applicants are enrolled. Student eligibility is based on the expressed intent to practice in Ventura County.

The first round of awards will be announced in December. Scholarships for the second and third year of the *Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award* will be made through VCCF's *Community Scholarship Program*. Details, guidelines and applications for over 50 different scholarships will be distributed to Ventura County high schools, community colleges and four-year universities, as well as posted on the VCCF Web site, by the end of 2004. Application packets are due to VCCF's offices by February 18, 2005.

# Civic Alliance Defines Strategies to Address Growth

Unveiling its most recent efforts at the “Building Common Ground” conference at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley on September 15, the Civic Alliance continues its path-making work with its *Connecting the Dots* project. Started in the fall of 2003, this project began with an analysis of the approved general plans for Ventura County and each of its ten cities and combined them to determine trends affecting growth and sustainability in the county. Its preliminary conclusions were presented at an April 2004 conference at CSU Channel Islands, co-sponsored by the *Ventura County Star* and the Civic Alliance with a keynote by former HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros; it included these five ‘headline’ trends:

- 1** The county is on track for one million residents by 2020
- 2** There are significant transportation problems ahead with little likelihood of salvation from either Sacramento or Washington
- 3** We have distortions in our city land-use policies between land set aside for housing and for commercial development
- 4** The mix of housing being produced does not match with the need
- 5** Housing is unaffordable for 80 percent of the population with incomes required for a median priced home well above the capacity of most residents, one-third of whom earn \$10/hour or less

The Alliance brings its signature 3E approach to this work because each member of the Alliance represents one of the “3Es,” namely *the economy, the environment and social equity*. At the core of the Alliance’s work, noted Stacy Roscoe, VCCF board member and chair of the Alliance, is “the



*Stacy Roscoe, VCCF board member and chair of the Civic Alliance, addresses conference attendees.*

belief that all three of these perspectives must be at the table when regional issues are confronted. If they are included at the beginning, then any recommendations coming out of the process are more likely to be effective and adopted.”

Throughout the spring and summer, the Alliance presented these materials to dozens of community groups throughout the county asking for input on several questions:

- Which of the 3E’s do you represent?
- Which two of the five headlines do you find most compelling?
- What strategies do you recommend could address these trends?

Working diligently with interim directors Jill Bangser and Julie Drezner, and intern Connie Chen, the Alliance tabulated over 550 responses. Each of the 3E cohorts (Alliance members representing one of the 3Es) then analyzed the data submitted for its own “E” and highlighted impacts and strategies that it felt needed to be

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addressed by the Alliance at its August convening. Not surprisingly, each “E” had a different reaction to the priority of issues, validating the importance of the Alliance bringing all three perspectives to the table to propose strategies to address problems that impact the entire community. “We were surprised,” noted Roscoe, “at the breadth of opinion and yet pleased at the ability to synthesize these opinions into workable strategies. After all, the challenges we face as a county cross many of these lines, but all of us need to work together to come up with reasonable solutions.”

At its August 26 convening, the Alliance reviewed the recommendations of each “E” cohort and, through its own 3E blended prism, evaluated the multiple strategies that had emerged from this rich discussion, reviewing over 30 possible strategies to address the trends unveiled earlier in the year. A workgroup was recruited to explore six strategies identified as having the most potential to make a difference and to report back to the October 21 convening. After deliberation, the Alliance decided to pursue further what would be required to implement four strategies in Ventura County as a way to address these challenges. These four include:

- Identifying key initiatives around workforce education, for both youth and adults, that are critical to the sustenance of communities
- The Alliance hopes to unveil these strategies, including the experiences of other communities and how they might be harnessed in Ventura County at a conference in March 2005.
- The Civic Alliance is an initiative of the Ventura County Community Foundation and is funded by a grant from the James Irvine Foundation. Additional funding is provided by the *Partners of the Civic Alliance* and the *3E Institutional Partners of the Civic Alliance*, annual support groups consisting of individuals and institutions who contribute to the operating budget and who believe in this unique regional leadership body.
- For additional information, contact Stacy Roscoe, Civic Alliance chair, or Michael Sprague at [msprague@vccf.org](mailto:msprague@vccf.org) for details.

### *Multi-Year Scholarship...continued from page 8*

from a Ventura County high school and who will attend a public college, university, junior, or community college in California are eligible to apply. No special major or study area is required, but students must demonstrate financial need and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Preference is given to students from schools in Simi Valley or Moorpark or to students who have had one or both parents disabled or killed while engaged in services in law enforcement or as a fire fighter, who are physically or visually impaired, or who are otherwise disabled.

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