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Ventura County Community Foundation

Names New Director of its Resource Center for Nonprofit Management

(VENTURA, CA – December 6, 2004) — Grace Padilla-Kastenberg has been named the first full-time director of the Ventura County Community Foundation’s Resource Center for Nonprofit Management, effective today. With a mission to strengthen the nonprofit sector in Ventura County, the VCCF Resource Center is the only center of its kind in the county that provides training and resources for nonprofit organizations.

“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.”

Padilla-Kastenberg, a resident of Oak Park, brings to the position ten years of experience as a consultant and program officer, including four years with the California Endowment. “I am very impressed with the Foundation’s commitment to help build capacity in the nonprofit organizations serving Ventura County’s many communities,” she said. “As a program officer I know how important these tools and skills are, and I look forward to harnessing VCCF’s commitment to strengthen this important sector.”

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Since 1991, the Resource Center has provided training, research materials and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations in Ventura County with the goal of strengthening the ability of those organizations to deliver needed services in the community. In August VCCF announced that the Resource Center had reached its endowment goal of \$500,000. Combining this milestone with other grant support from foundations, sponsors and friends, the center was able to create the full-time director position while expanding its programs into new and needed areas. For a list of upcoming courses, call the Ventura County Community Foundation at (805) 988-0196, or visit www.vccf.org/resourcecenter.

The Ventura County Community Foundation is a family of charitable funds created in 1987 by citizens who cared deeply about strengthening the community, preserving and expanding its cultural resources, and helping those in need. The Foundation works to enrich and enhance the quality of life in Ventura County and to provide leadership to residents and nonprofit organizations in building an enduring source of funds and strengthening community participation to meet the changing needs and challenges of the community. For more information, visit www.vccf.org.

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