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**Local Women to Learn About Financial and Estate Planning
at Free Seminar Offered by the Ventura County Community Foundation**

(CAMARILLO, CA – September 2, 2004) — Women in Ventura County interested in learning the basics of financial and estate planning are invited to attend a free seminar designed expressly for them on Tuesday, September 28. The event is sponsored by the Ventura County Community Foundation’s Women’s Legacy Fund and will be held at the Foundation’s office in Camarillo.

“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 Woman’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 these presenters has graciously agreed to donate their time and share their knowledge in order to advance the skills of our donors, founders and women in the community.”

At the seminar, practical information and tools will be shared about estate planning including wills, trusts and living wills as well as financial strategies for managed wealth growth. “Our sole purpose is to educate women about available options in financial planning and planned giving,” said Masiel.

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Presenters at the seminar include Attorney Loye Barton, secretary/treasurer of the Ventura County Bar Association; Pamela Kelty, CPA at 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.

The seminar will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 1317 Del Norte Road in Camarillo with lunch immediately following. Participation is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling Dorie Zabriskie at (805) 988-0196, ext.14, or sending an email to dzabriskie@vccf.org.

The Women's Legacy Fund was founded in 1995 to help benefit the unique needs of women and girls in Ventura County. Contributors to the Fund help local women reach their full potential through the funding of a variety of grants to area nonprofit organizations that serve the unique needs of girls and women. Only earnings from the Fund are used for grants each year, allowing gifts to the Women's Legacy Fund to contribute over time to the community. Since its inception the Women's Legacy Fund has granted nearly \$340,000 to 55 programs serving more than 8,000 women and girls in the county. The Fund recently passed \$1 million in contributions.

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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