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Ventura County Community Foundation Opens Technology Center **Thanks Donors and Long-Standing Supporters**

New Lab Equipped with 10 State-of-the-Art Workstations

(CAMARILLO, CA – October 17, 2006) — The Ventura County Community Foundation christened its new state-of-the-art Technology Center with a ceremony that honored donors to the new lab plus three long-standing supporters of the VCCF Resource Center for Nonprofit Management, where the lab is located.

The purpose of the new Technology Center, which boasts 10 workstations with flat-screen computers, is to enhance the technological capacity, efficiency and effectiveness of nonprofit organizations throughout Ventura County. Its courses and seminars, offered at reduced rates, range from hardware operations to the use of basic office software applications.

“Our new Technology Center represents a significant step forward in our ability to strengthen operations of Ventura County nonprofit organizations,” said Resource Center Director Dena C. Jenson. The Technology Center received over \$175,000 in annual and multi-year funding from the Amgen Foundation, Edison International and Affinity Bank, among other donors. “With these vital contributions, we will now be able to help nonprofits learn the sought-after technological skills they require to excel, Jenson added”

At the opening ceremony, three long-standing supporters of VCCF and Resource Center annual operations were also acknowledged. These were the Wood-Claeyssens Foundation, Affinity Bank, and Sally and Whitten Yount. Sally Yount is a VCCF board member and chair of its Resource Center Advisory Committee. “Each has contributed significantly to our overall success and to the advancement of the Resource Center,” said VCCF President & CEO Hugh Ralston. “On the 15th anniversary of the Resource Center, we gratefully acknowledge their generosity and support.”

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The Technology Center is part of Technology Works for Nonprofits, one of three Resource Center strategic initiatives designed to help local nonprofits strengthen the capacity of their leadership, while enhancing their operating and technical capabilities.

Building Board Leadership, another initiative, engages local nonprofit boards in a process of skill building, networking and information sharing. As part of this, the Resource Center held its first quarterly Board Chair Roundtable in early October. The third initiative, yet to be funded, will focus on planned giving.

Since 1991, the Resource Center has provided training, research materials and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations in Ventura County with the goal of strengthening their ability to deliver needed community services. The Resource Center is the only management training center for nonprofit organizations in the county.

The Ventura County Community Foundation is a family of charitable funds whose combined assets now exceed \$90 million. The Foundation's mission is to promote and enable philanthropy and to build long-term capital to benefit Ventura County. For more information, visit www.vccf.org.

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