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Ventura County Community Foundation Promotes Tina Knight to Vice President, Programs & Grants

(CAMARILLO, CA – October 23, 2006) — Tina Knight of Ventura has been promoted to vice president for programs and grants of the Ventura County Community Foundation, effective immediately. Knight previously held the position of director of grants and scholarships at the Foundation, where she has worked since 2002.

“We’re delighted to recognize Tina’s leadership over the past four years in guiding VCCF grant programs to ever-increasing levels of size and depth,” said VCCF President and CEO Hugh Ralston. Fiscal year 2006 marked the Foundation’s largest grantmaking year ever, Ralston noted, with \$8.5 million in grants and pledges from grant programs, donor advised funds, agency endowments, and two significant pledges from the Martha K. and Martin V. Smith Foundation, a VCCF support organization. This also includes over \$900,000 in annual scholarships for outstanding Ventura County students.

“Tina has built a terrific team to help our donors invest in the work of nonprofits and to sustain their commitment to causes and organizations throughout Ventura County,” Ralston continued. “We look forward to her continued leadership as VCCF pursues its mission of promoting and enabling philanthropy throughout Ventura County.”

Prior to joining VCCF, Knight served as program and development director at the Sustainable Sciences Institute in San Francisco, where she spent three years. The nonprofit institute builds capacity for public health researchers working in developing countries worldwide. Prior to that she worked as program manager and department administrator at Boston University’s Department of International Health.

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“The greatest challenges facing nonprofits today involve helping people who have fallen through the cracks in traditional funding systems and in filling the social service gaps caused by shortfalls in governmental funding,” Knight said. “My role is to help our donors direct their philanthropy to strengthen the work of local nonprofits, sustain initiatives and programs launched by our board of directors, and follow through to evaluate and report on the result of our grants. I am proud of the work of our team, particularly given the volume of our grants and scholarships in the past several years.”

Knight, who sits on several local health-related community committees, received her undergraduate degree in psychology from UC Santa Barbara and her master’s degree in social psychology from Northern Arizona University.

The Ventura County Community Foundation is a family of charitable funds whose combined assets now exceed \$90 million, with grants distributed in 2006 in excess of \$8.5 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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