



Media Alert

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**SARA MILLER MCCUNE TO MAKE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT
2007 VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
WOMEN'S LEGACY FUND CELEBRATION LUNCHEON**

October 16, 2007

WHAT: The Women's Legacy Fund of the Ventura County Community Foundation will hold its annual celebration luncheon honoring 2007 grant recipients.

WHO: Keynote speaker, Sara Miller McCune, publisher and chairman of the Newbury Park based book and journal publishing house, Sage Publications and president of the McCune Foundation, based in Montecito.

The McCune Foundation was founded in 1990. It has sponsored graduate dissertation fellowships and book scholarships in the United States. In 2002 the McCune Foundation's Board of Directors agreed to sponsor a 5-year program of grants to grass-roots organizations which build "social capital" in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties – with an emphasis on educational and other opportunities for the poor and underserved.

McCune has been recognized widely for her philanthropic work and was recognized as the "1998 Philanthropist of the Year for Santa Barbara County," by the National Society of Fundraising Executives.

Also attending will be 2007 Women's Legacy Fund grant recipients, Ventura County Community Foundation board members and volunteers.

WHERE: Saticoy Country Club
4450 North Clubhouse Drive
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WHEN: Tuesday, October 16, 2007
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHY: The Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) Women's Legacy Fund has awarded eight grants totaling \$60,000 to programs for women and girls in Ventura County, funded by the \$1.3 million endowment contributed by donors from throughout Ventura County interested in strengthening local nonprofits serving the needs of women and girls. The grants were awarded to programs which focus on Domestic Violence (Physical, Sexual and Verbal) Prevention and Service Programs, and programs that provided Education, Training and Economic Opportunities

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for Women and Girls, each areas which were chosen by donors to the Women's Legacy Fund.

The Ventura County Community Foundation is a family of charitable funds whose combined assets now exceed \$100 million, with 2006 grants and pledges of \$8.5 million. The Foundation's mission is to promote and enable philanthropy to improve our community and to build long-term capital to benefit Ventura County. The Foundation has recently been confirmed in compliance with national standards by the Council on Foundations, a reflection of the highest peer review across the nation's 700 community foundations. For more information, visit www.vccf.org.

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