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The Heritage Fund Celebrated Reaching its Endowment Goal

Camarillo, CALIF. - (April 29, 2008) – On April 18, The Heritage Fund celebrated its return to annual grantmaking through the generosity of donors who helped the fund reach its endowment goal of \$400,000.

Established in 1999, the Heritage Fund is an endowed fund created to provide an enduring source of capital for grantmaking to capture, preserve, and honor the heritage and history of Ventura County. The Fund assists in preserving local history and expanding knowledge of Ventura County and its impact among residents and students, with prior grantmaking focus on preserving oral histories, developing school curricula and supporting the work of local historical societies.

The celebration dinner on April 18 was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. John Lamb and held at Camlam Ranch in Camarillo. Charles Johnson, Librarian and Archivist, Museum of Ventura County was the keynote speaker. His presentation was on “Making history in Ventura County.”

Among Heritage Fund donors who attended the event were:

- Nina and Leonard Butler - Founders
- Eloisa and Glywn Chase – Named Fund Holders
- Bambi and James E. Clark, II – Founders
- Georgia and Ralph Mahan– Founders
- Dorcas McFarlane – Founder
- Brianne and Thomas McGrath, III – Founder
- Carolyn and John Menne – Named Fund Holders
- Harold B. Parker, Jr. – Named Fund Holder
- Hugh Ralston – Named Fund Holder
- Mary Schwabauer – Named Fund Holder
- Charles Schwabauer – Named Fund Holder

“The Heritage Fund was created to preserve the knowledge, experience and values of those who preceded us in this County we now call Ventura. Their lives not only

weave a beautiful story but also bring us important insight as to their character and the principles that they lived by,” said Ralph Mahan, founder of the Heritage Fund.

With the \$400,000 goal reached in endowment gifts and pledges, the Fund will launch its annual grant making cycle in 2008. The deadline for submission is expected in the early summer with more details on the VCCF website. **For more information about the Heritage Fund, please visit VCCF’s website at www.vccf.org, or contact Catherine Lee at 805-988-0196 ext. 133.**

The Ventura County Community Foundation is a family of charitable funds whose combined assets now exceed \$110 million, with 2007 grants and pledges of \$4.1 million. The Foundation’s mission is to promote and enable philanthropy to improve our community and to build long-term charitable capital to benefit Ventura County. The Foundation has 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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