



Media Alert

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VCCF PRESENTS "OPEN WEDNESDAYS"

WHAT: VCCF presents "Open Wednesdays" a ten city community conversation throughout Ventura County, engaging local nonprofits, donors, community leaders and elected officials around key community priorities for future grantmaking.

The next scheduled date is April 23 in Moorpark.

The goal of "Open Wednesdays" is to provide an opportunity for leaders in each community in Ventura County to share with VCCF how priorities around key issues such as education, health care, development and workforce training, nonprofit capacity and stability, youth leadership, the arts, nursing, scholarships for college and the workforce, and other priorities should be reflected in VCCF programs, services and community grantmaking. VCCF is updating its strategic planning goals and believes that input from each community in VCCF is critical to its mission.

WHO: Hugh Ralston, VCCF President and CEO, community leaders and elected officials.

WHEN/ **Wednesday, April 23 2008 – 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

WHERE: Moorpark Chamber of Commerce
18 High Street
Moorpark

WHY: 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 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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