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**Ventura County Community Foundation  
Names Tim Gallagher to Board of Directors**

**Camarillo, Calif. – (March 3, 2008)** – Author, publisher and speaker on free speech and First Amendment issues, Tim Gallagher has been elected to the Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) Board of Directors. His term began in January 2008.

Gallagher is president of 20/20 Consulting in Westlake Village, specializing in reputation enhancement and building Internet-focused businesses. Gallagher spent 30 years in the newspaper business where he served as editor of the Ventura County Star from 1995 – 2004 and as the publisher of the publication from 2004-2007. Prior to moving to California in 1995, he was editor of The Albuquerque Tribune in New Mexico. The newspapers he has worked for have won numerous awards for public service, coverage of the environment and growth.

"I have long admired VCCF from afar. Its growth has been admirable. Its benefits to Ventura County have been considerable. I look forward to being a contributor to its growth," Gallagher said. "My chief special interest in serving on the board is to advance literacy causes in the county."

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Born in Brooklyn, New York, he moved to New Mexico with his family in 1972, and he graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1978 with degrees in journalism and English. He and his wife Cheryl reside in Somis and have six children ranging in age from 12 - 29.

“We are delighted to have Tim as a new board member,” said Board Chair Mary Leavens Schwabauer. “His expertise and experience will add much to future decisions and discussions involving the philanthropic message we continue to share with the public. We consider it a real opportunity and privilege to have him as a part of the group, particularly considering his many efforts throughout the County to offer assistance and his presence.”

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](http://www.vccf.org)

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