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**VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S
2008 WOMEN'S LEGACY FUND GRANT PROGRAM UNDERWAY**

\$66,000 in Grants Available

Camarillo, CALIF. - (March 11, 2008) – The Ventura County Community Foundation's *Women's Legacy Fund* annual grants program is underway. **The deadline to submit grant proposals is 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2008.**

The VCCF's *Women's Legacy Fund* is an endowed grantmaking fund to support programs focused on the economic, educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic and personal growth of women and girls in Ventura County. Each year, donors to the fund review the needs of the community and vote to select issues of importance to women and girls in the community. Over the past 11 years, the Women's Legacy Fund has awarded 98 grants totaling \$709,500 to a variety of programs to improve the lives of women and girls in our community.

A total of \$66,000 is available this year and grants in any amount up to a maximum of \$10,000 will be considered. This year's two grantmaking priorities are:

- Domestic Violence Prevention and Service Programs.
- Education, Training and Economic Opportunities for Women and Girls.

"This year, the Women's Legacy Fund's grants committee focused on programs in Ventura County that educate women on the prevention of domestic violence and on programs to educate women and girls in Ventura County," said grants committee member Rita Frayer. "The grants committee recognizes how fortunate we are to be able to support women and girls in the County."

The Grants Committee strongly encourages collaborative programs and those where *Women's Legacy Fund* funds can be leveraged for matching funds and in-kind services.

An informational meeting for potential applicants is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2008 from 3 - 5 p.m. in the Community Room at VCCF, 1317 Del Norte Road, Suite 150, Camarillo, CA 93010. Please RSVP to LaToya Ford at 805-988-0196, ext. 126 or lford@vccf.org.

For more information, and to download the RFP, please visit the website at <http://www.vccf.org/fundingcycles.html#wlf>.

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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