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**VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE
WINS SEAT ON BOARD OF STATEWIDE NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION**

CAMARILLO, Calif. (July 23, 2009) –Dena Jenson, a Ventura County Community Foundation vice president, was elected earlier this month to the board of directors of the California Association of Nonprofits.

A leader in helping nonprofits grow through professional training, Jenson serves as director of the Community Foundation’s Center for Nonprofit Leadership, which operates in VCCF’s headquarters in Camarillo. Jenson, 38, oversees the offerings of the Center’s more than 100 training and leadership-development programs, including Technology Works for Nonprofits and the Board Leadership and Planned Giving Initiatives, designed to help Ventura County charities develop more sophisticated strategies to attract donors and optimize resources.

The California Association of Nonprofits, with 1,800 members, is a leading voice for the nonprofit sector in California through advocacy, training, information and resources.

“We are excited and pleased with the addition of Dena Jenson to our Board,” said Meredith Clark, CAN’s chief operating officer. “We believe Dena’s knowledge and

experience will be assets to CAN as it strengthens its leadership role during these challenging economic times.”

Jenson sees her new role as an opportunity to apply her skills and experience with nonprofits beyond Ventura County at a critical time for the sector. “Nonprofits help hold together the fabric of our communities,” said Jenson. “Their task has never been more important or more difficult than it is as our state government makes massive cuts to social services.”

A Ventura resident, Jenson has more than a dozen years of experience in day-to-day management of nonprofits. Before joining VCCF in 2005, she served as program and public policy director at the Perinatal Advisory Council, a nonprofit that assists hospitals and health-care organizations in Ventura, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties. A board member of the Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, she serves as co-faculty at Pepperdine and California Lutheran universities, fostering learning opportunities among undergraduates and nonprofit professionals.

The Ventura County Community Foundation is a family of 500 charitable funds with total assets of \$96 million, and distributed \$5.3 million grants and pledges in 2008. The Foundation’s mission is to promote and enable philanthropy to improve our community for good for ever, building 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 nations 700 community foundations. For more information, visit www.vccf.org.

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