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Yolo Community Foundation Hosts Yolo County Nonprofit Leadership Roundtable

Woodland, Ca. – Yolo Community Foundation’s next Yolo County Nonprofit Leadership Roundtable will host a workshop on conducting Needs Assessments with MaryEllen Bergh of Creative School Resources & Research. The roundtable will be held Friday, September 7, 2007 from Noon - 2:00 p.m. at the Heidrick Ag History Center at 1962 Hays Lane in Woodland. All Yolo County Nonprofit Leaders are encouraged to attend.

“Our goal with this workshop is to demystify needs assessments,” said Cath Posehn, Executive Director of Yolo Community Foundation, who hosts the Roundtables. Bergh will use an example of a real needs assessment for the proposed Yolo County Cultural Center. Determining needs and forming strong collaborative partnerships are critical in the development of the Cultural Center Project and will inform the design of the facility.

The Yolo County Historical Society, in partnership with the Yolo County Arts Council, has been awarded a planning grant by the California Cultural & Historical Endowment to plan and design a facility that will serve as a central location to showcase Yolo County's culture, history, and art. The Yolo County Cultural, History, and Art Center, located in the City of Woodland, will serve as a hub of information and activity to honor the legacy and celebrate the accomplishments of Yolo County's

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diverse cultures and will establish a venue for permanent and rotating cultural and art exhibits, educational activities, and events as well as provide access to cultural resources throughout the County.

The Cultural Center Project is guided by their mission to promote Yolo County's rich history and unique culture through artistic, educational, and social activities and events for individuals of all ages and cultural backgrounds. Their goal is to engage, educate, and enlighten people about Yolo County's history and influence on the world of ideas, arts, and culture through captivating state-of-the-art experiences. Public programming and educational outreach will include historic lectures and workshops, art classes, and culinary classes utilizing the many agricultural products from Yolo County.

The Cultural Center Project envisions a facility that will be completed in three phases. Phase 1 is planned to include Exhibition space (permanent and rotating), Educational space, Archive/Storage, Event support, and Administrative Space. Phase II will include Educational Space, Archives storage (climate controlled), and perhaps a culinary teaching area. Phase III may include Theater, Non-Profit Space, and integration of a Cultural Campus.

All people that are involved in leadership positions (whether staff or board) in Yolo County nonprofits are invited to attend and attendance to the Roundtable is free. Attendees are invited to bring their own "brown bag" lunch along with their ideas and energy. Future meetings are planned for Friday October 5th, Friday November 9th and Friday December 7th. All events are at Noon at Heidrick Ag History Center.

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Yolo Community Foundation is a local foundation dedicated to serving the people and organizations of Yolo County. Founded in 2001 by a group of community-minded individuals throughout Yolo County, the Yolo Community Foundation seeks to develop and promote philanthropy in the County by serving as a public foundation through which community members may pursue their own charitable goals. Yolo Community Foundation also serves as a convener promoting collaborative partnerships among individuals and organizations serving the County.

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