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SHAPIRO JOINS YOLO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SUSTAINERS CIRCLE

November, 2007 – Yolo Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization, announced today that Nancy Shapiro has become a member of their Sustainers Circle through a grant from the Shapiro Family Fund of the San Diego Foundation. Sustainers Circle members contribute \$1000 annually to the Yolo Community Foundation to provide critical unrestricted support for the foundation to help grow its programs and services.

Before moving to Davis, Shapiro and her husband Howard were certified organic farmers and orchard keepers on 17 acres and developed Seeds of Change (an organic seed and food co.) Their company integrated a shared commitment to biodiversity, organic sustainable agriculture systems and organic seed production with their commitment to sustainability. Her primary philanthropic interests are in conservation, science education and the arts.

Yolo Community Foundation raises funds in order to make grants to support local community issues, identifies organizations capable of making the greatest impact in the

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specific issue area, and enhances the quality of life in our community by supporting community programs through financial and community partnerships. Yolo Community Foundation encourages individuals, families, and businesses to partner with them to fulfill their financial and charitable goals in the Yolo County community.

Cath Posehn, Executive Director of Yolo Community Foundation said, “We are committed to building civic investment and community involvement. We hope to establish a tradition of generosity that will lead many people to invest their time and philanthropic dollars to support the common good. Because we address local needs, we are the best source for strengthening the community through projects that encourage leadership and capacity from within, while respecting and valuing the rich heritage and diversity represented in our geographic region.”

Yolo Community Foundation enables individuals of both modest means and significant wealth to support nonprofit organizations that provide vital programs and services and to contribute to a permanent endowment for the people of Yolo County. Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. They offer a variety of giving tools to help people and businesses achieve their charitable goals. Donors can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, charitable IRA transfers, or other assets and receive maximum charitable and tax benefits.

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Yolo Community Foundation has launched an effort to solicit critical unrestricted support for the Foundation allowing it to grow as a permanent community resource through endowment. The Foundation seeks to partner with special individuals and businesses to join their Sustainers Circle giving \$1,000 annually.

Yolo Community Foundation is one of nearly 700 community foundations nationwide. Their mission is “To match the philanthropic interests of donors with the needs and opportunities of the Yolo County community. To learn more about Yolo Community Foundation, visit their website at www.yolocf.org or call 530-312-0593.

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