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YOLO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 1st SUSTAINERS CIRCLE MEMBER

June, 2007 – Yolo Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization, announced today that Jamie Madison has become their first member of the new Sustainers Circle. 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.

This in turn assures that the YCF can grow a permanent community resource through endowment. The income generated from the endowment is used to make grants to local nonprofit organization, enduring that a charitable gift today will continue to have a positive effect on the region forever.

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 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.

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Jamie Madison, Yolo Community Foundation's first Sustainer's Circle member, lives in Yolo County along Putah Creek. As a lifelong Yolo County resident, she is intensely concerned about preserving the peaceful, clean and safe environment of Yolo County. Madison, a local realtor, said, "If you can't afford to start your own fund, becoming a sustainer is the perfect way to make a meaningful contribution to the preservation of our wonderful Yolo County."

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 has led 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."

Posehn added, "Yolo County was one of the original 27 counties created when California became a state in 1850. Today Yolo County's 661,760 acres is home to over 150,000 people. As has been the case since 1850, agriculture remains the county's primary industry- which indeed gives the county some special qualities that we value and wish to preserve and strengthen."

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Formed in 2001, Yolo Community Foundation is a nonprofit public resource created by and for the people of Yolo County for community philanthropy that helps donors make a positive impact on their community. The Yolo Community Foundation was by a group of devoted Yolo citizens who valued the county and its environment and wanted to provide a vehicle for those who want to give back to this special place.

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.

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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