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YOLO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CREATES COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDS

May, 2007 – Yolo Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization, announced today that it has recently established its Community Impact Funds. Dollars contributed to these funds are distributed by the Foundation’s Board of Directors in the form of grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Yolo County. The new Community Impact Funds include the Agricultural Heritage Fund, the Arts and Culture Fund, the Basic Human Needs Fund, the Education Fund, the Environment Fund, the Community Health Fund and the Community Development Fund.

With their Community Impact Funds, 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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The Agricultural Heritage Fund supports programs that preserve productive farm resources and open space in Yolo County. Funded programs may be complementary to other non-profit efforts such as land-trusts and public efforts such as an effective General Plan that continues the commitment to maintaining farmland and open space.

The Arts and Culture Fund is intended to nurture a creative, healthy and welcoming arts and culture environment that engages the community and contributes to the quality of life in Yolo County. The Arts and Culture Fund supports non-profit organizations that provide projects, programs, and facilities that enhance artistic development and expression.

The Basic Human Needs Fund will support community welfare and provides funds for non-profit programs that create healthy human communities and address the basic needs of those who live in Yolo County.

The Education Fund will focus on nonprofit projects that address the emerging issues in education and/or expand access to learning. Examples include accredited public education institutions and educational support organizations.

The Environment Fund will make grants to support non-profit organizations and programs that help maintain a healthy, natural landscape through land use planning, preservation, conservation, restoration and environmental education. It is also dedicated to providing for the preservation and protection of wildlife and their habitats, as well as the rescue and care of injured and orphaned wildlife.

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The Community Health Fund will advance health-related causes and make grants to non-profit organizations that improve the health and healthcare of communities through medical education, research, public health policy, safety, prevention, and treatment.

The Community Development Fund is dedicated to promoting community building and connections and is available to address the community's most pressing needs and most important opportunities. Community development seeks to empower individuals and groups of people by providing the skills they need to effect change in their own communities.

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."

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. Yolo Community Foundation enables individuals of both modest means and significant wealth to support nonprofit

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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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