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YOLO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS LOCAL NONPROFITS

August, 2007 – Yolo Community Foundation announced today that it has awarded grants to two nonprofits that serve Yolo County residents through its George Hinkle Fund.

Awards were made to Yolo Crisis Nursery, a program of Families First and the American Cancer Society Road to Recovery of Woodland and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Davis.

The George Hinkle Fund was started by local resident George Hinkle as his way to give back to the community. This fund emphasizes senior fitness activities, but is not limited to this.

When starting his donor-advised fund with Yolo Community Foundation, Hinkle said, “I’m extremely for the opportunity I’ve had in my lifetime to benefit from fitness programs. I’ve benefitted from various activities in the region and would like to pay back my gratitude.” Hinkle is an active member of the senior community.

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

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donors make a positive impact on their community. 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.

The Yolo Crisis Nursery offers an opportunity for families to ensure the health and safety of their children, reduce their stress, address the issues underlying a crisis, and develop the resources necessary to thrive and succeed. Parents receive support from a case manager and referrals to community services that can assist in crisis resolution, such as: counseling, medical care, parenting classes, job training and placement, housing, legal assistance, substance abuse treatment, anger management, and household management. In the meantime, their children receive nurturing, loving care and attention, educational and developmentally appropriate activities, individual and group interaction, nutritious meals, and health and mental health screenings.

Since the opening of the Yolo Crisis Nursery in 2001, more than 900 children have been served at the Nursery. More than 98% of the children served by the Yolo Crisis Nursery come from low-income, Medi-Cal eligible families. Forty-two percent are from single parent families, and 94% are from families headed by women. Over 47% of

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the families come from West Sacramento, 23% from Woodland, 10% from Davis, and 20% from other communities. Approximately 40% of the children come from families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The Yolo Crisis Nursery serves diverse ethnicities including 38% multi-racial, 25% Hispanic, 25% Caucasian, 10% African-American, and 2% Native American. In 2006, the Nursery served 103 infants and children from 82 families in Yolo County. All families that received support stated that the Nursery's services helped keep their children safe, and 93% reported that the program helped them to be more effective parents.

The American Cancer Society Road to Recovery provides free transportation for cancer patients to get to and from treatment appointments. Transportation is provided according to the needs and available resources in the community.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Davis funds are used to support patient services, research, advocacy and community education. Patient services in the community include, but are not limited to: Road to Recovery, which provides free transportation for cancer patients to get to treatment appointments; Look Good, Feel Better, which provides free hair and skin consultations with licensed cosmetologists; and Man to Man and Reach to Recovery, which are prostate and breast cancer support groups, respectively.

Cath Posehn, Executive Director of Yolo Community Foundation said, "We are proud to be creating a lasting resource, committed to building civic investment and

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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.”

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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