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Todd Trust Grant Awarded to Sonoma Valley Community Health Center

July 15, 2013 - Community Foundation Sonoma County and its affiliate, the Sonoma Valley Fund, are pleased to announce a \$31,300 grant from the Roland and Hazel Todd Trust to the Sonoma Valley Community Health Center. The purpose of the grant is to allow the Health Center to fund a new position for a community outreach person to educate community residents about health issues, build rapport between Springs residents and the Health Center, and assist residents in accessing a wide range of services across the Valley.

The Health Center's decision to create this new position is in direct response to a request from community residents that the Health Center undertake more outreach to residents to better serve the Springs families. The Health Center will partner with La Luz Center to determine the duties, responsibilities and metrics by which this new position will be managed.

Cheryl Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of the Sonoma Valley Community Health Center said, "It is our hope that having an intermediary will dramatically improve communications between the Health Center and the Springs Community and thereby directly improve our ability to serve and respond. We are so grateful to the Todd Trust Committee, Sonoma Valley Fund and Community Foundation Sonoma County for helping to fund this critical position."

"Roland and Hazel Todd have left a remarkable legacy for Sonoma Valley and the county," said Harriet Derwingson, Chair of the Todd Trust Committee. "This particular grant is extremely important because it is the direct result of the

collaborative work that the Todd Trust Team has been undertaking with the Springs community and reflects a deeply felt need identified and advocated for by the community members themselves.”

Roland and Hazel Todd entrusted the Community Foundation to steward their \$8.5 million legacy, to improve the quality of life and well being of those who live in Sonoma Valley and Sonoma County, more generally. A team of Community Foundation board members and Sonoma Valley community members, known as the Todd Trust Team, are responsible for recommending how best to distribute the proceeds of the Trust. The Team has been working with members of the community to respond to immediate needs in the Sonoma Valley that are consistent with the Todd’s wishes.

In 2011, Community Foundation Sonoma County, and its affiliate Sonoma Valley Fund, began awarding grants from the Todd Trust. At this point, the Community Foundation and Sonoma Valley Fund have awarded over \$525,000 from the Todd Trust Fund to benefit the lives of those who live in the Springs area of Sonoma Valley.

The Todd Trust Team is a committee of Community Foundation Sonoma County and its local affiliate Sonoma Valley Fund. The committee's responsibility is to recommend how best to distribute the proceeds of an \$8.5M trust, according to the Todds' wishes. Payouts are designed to be made in perpetuity from the trust, which was a bequest to the Community Foundation by Roland and Hazel Todd.