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Sonoma Valley Fund Honors Volunteers

September 4, 2014 – More than 200 guests will gather at the new Sonoma Valley Community Health Center on Sunday, September 14th to honor and salute the top volunteers in the Valley. The event is organized and sponsored by Sonoma Valley Fund, an affiliate of Community Foundation Sonoma County, to honor volunteers in the Valley.

Each year the large crowd cheers for the dedication of these awe-inspiring individuals who have made the very existence of non-profit organizations in the Valley possible. “In a community that gives and supports non-profits, these 26 individuals stand out. They do everything from cleaning animal kennels (Pets Lifeline); to keeping the books; to designing and building demonstration gardens (Community Center); to handling logistics (Teen Center). In fact, there really isn’t anything that they don’t do,” said Joshua Rymer, Sonoma Valley Fund President.

This is the seventh year that Sonoma Valley Fund has recognized volunteers in the Valley and all 26 Star Award recipients received a star statue emblazoned with their names and the organization that they serve. This year’s Star Award recipients are:

- Molly Fedorchak (Becoming Independent)
- Lynne Joiner (Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley)
- Ann Strom (Community Foundation Sonoma County)
- Faye Eraldi (F.I.S.H.)
- Leyla Carreon (Friends of Sonoma Valley Library)
- Marcia & Jim Michelson (Hanna Boys Center)
- Andy Radolf (La Luz Center)

- Al and Judy Bayless (Pets Lifeline)
- Thora Graves (Quarryhill Botanical)
- Laurie Dinwiddie (Seeds of Learning)
- Cathy Williamson (Sonoma Community Center)
- Steve Carara (Sonoma Ecology Center)
- Barbara White Perry (Sonoma League for Historic Preservation)
- Maribelle Leavitt (Sonoma Valley Community Health Center)
- Holly & Steve Kyle (Sonoma Valley Education Foundation)
- Madolyn Agrimonti (Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation)
- Ruth Bennett and Tim Boeve (Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance)
- Karin Skooglund (Sonoma Valley Museum of Art)
- Jenah Smith (Sonoma Valley Teen Services)
- Debbie Levy (Sweetwater Spectrum)
- Manfred Theilig-Speer (Vintage House)
- Judy McCracken (WillMar Family Grief & Healing Center)

This is the very first public event at the brand new Sonoma Valley Community Health Center and guests will be afforded an opportunity to get a guided tour of the new facility. If you would like to attend, please email Joshua Rymer (rymerjoshua@yahoo.com).

An affiliate of Community Foundation Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley Fund was created and is managed by respected community leaders to help sustain and improve the Valley's unique socioeconomic, environmental, and cultural qualities for generations to come. Sonoma Valley Fund promotes and facilitates local philanthropy and legacy giving by serving as a bridge to the future, helping nonprofits build successful legacy and endowment programs, encouraging estate-planning professionals to discuss Sonoma Valley bequests with their clients, offering a set of prudent investment options for donors and non-profits, and providing trustworthy, responsible, and thoughtful stewardship of donor gifts. No other local organization unites all constituencies around the purpose of endowing the Sonoma Valley community as a whole. For more information visit www.sonomavalleyfund.org.