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Sonoma Valley Fund Welcomes Six Community Leaders to its Board

January 25, 2014 — Sonoma Valley Fund, an affiliate of Community Foundation Sonoma County, has elected six new community leaders to its board: Ted Eliot, Katherine Fulton, Arthur Grandy, Maite Iturri, Peg Van Camp and Judy Young. “This is an incredibly impressive group of people who are well versed in philanthropy and deeply involved in our community. Each of these new board members will be invaluable resources for Sonoma Valley Fund and all of our nonprofit partners”, says Joshua Rymer, Sonoma Valley Fund’s President.

Ted Eliot was a U.S. Foreign Service Officer for 30 years, including overseas posts in Sri Lanka, Germany, the Soviet Union, Iran, and, from 1973 to 1978, ambassador to Afghanistan. In Washington his assignments included Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury and Executive Secretary of the Department of State. From 1978 to 1985 he was Dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Until 1988, when they moved to Sonoma, he was Director of the Center for Asian-Pacific Affairs at The Asia Foundation in San Francisco. He has served on many non-profit boards, including The Asia Foundation, the San Francisco World Affairs Council, the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and, since 2006, Community Foundation Sonoma County. He and his wife, Patricia, moved to California in 1985.

Katherine Fulton is president of Monitor Institute, the Deloitte Consulting unit focused on philanthropy and social change. In this role, she has advised many of this generation’s leading foundations and social entrepreneurs as well as established business leaders and impact investors. She is known for her ideas and research about the future of philanthropy, which has

included publications about community foundations, impact investing, trends in philanthropy overall and a speech on the famous TED main stage. She has also served on a number of business and nonprofit governing boards. Now a proud resident of Sonoma, Katherine has deep roots in the American south, where she learned the importance of philanthropy and community service through the example of generations of her own family.

Art Grandy and his wife Margaret recently moved to Sonoma from London, which was the last stop in international careers spanning over forty years. His thirty-one years in Citibank's international business took them to developing countries in the Middle East and Asia before the move to London where Art ultimately was Head of Global Risk Management for the emerging markets. After retiring from Citibank, Art held advisory and directorship positions in international banks and taught on a pro bono basis at the American University of Beirut. Art grew up in California and has BSCE and MBA degrees from UC Berkeley.

Maite Iturri serves as principal of El Verano elementary school in Sonoma has had the privilege of working with the families and her community. Maite attended Lowell High School, San Francisco City College, University of California Berkeley, Sonoma State, and is currently working on her Doctorate at University of California, Davis. Over the years, Maite has served on several local non-profit boards, Sonoma Valley Education Foundation, LA Luz Center, Coordinating Council for Youth Development in Sonoma and the Todd Trust Team. She is currently serving on the County-wide task force charged with addressing the root causes of Andy Lopez' death.

Peg Van Camp spent more than 40 years in the financial and legal services industries as an operations and commercial lawyer for Wells Fargo Bank, and handling a wide range of practice areas including commercial, corporate and international lending, securities, and nonprofit law for Union Bank and its predecessors. Throughout her career, Peg has served on a number of nonprofit boards including Horizons Foundation, the oldest gay and lesbian community foundation in the United States; the United Way of the Bay Area; the Gold Rush Trail Foundation, and the Marin Community Foundation, where she served as a trustee for six years. She held various roles in these volunteer positions including board chair, governance chair, and chair of other standing and ad hoc committees. She currently chairs the Audit

Committee for 10,000 Degrees Marin, and sits on the Advisory Board of 10,000 Degrees Sonoma. She also serves as Governance Chair of the Impact100 Sonoma board of directors.

Judy Young grew up in New York State and “married” Los Angeles in 1969. She has been in the volunteer world most of her life, playing active roles in her three children’s schools and board service with both the Junior League and Westside Guild of Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles. She was administrator of a family business and a Southern California realtor. Judy married Chuck Young in 2002 and moved to Gainesville, Florida where she was active on several boards including the Florida Museum of Natural History. Judy and Chuck moved to Sonoma in late 2010 to be near their family. Judy continued to be active in the community and serves on the Board of the Sonoma Plein Air Foundation.

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.

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