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**EARTH DAY 2007: SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION URGES
LOCAL RESIDENTS TO CELEBRATE, GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – Four years ago on Earth Day, the Center for Venture Philanthropy of Silicon Valley Community Foundation launched its first social venture fund focused on the environment. The fund resulted in helping 13,055 more Silicon Valley residents become responsible stewards of the environment.

Our second venture fund Environmental Solutions Forum II is working in Redwood City to give low-income and minority youth – the kids most impacted by environmental degradation and childhood obesity – more opportunities to explore nature, learn science concepts in context of their own surrounding, learn about protecting the environment and have repeated exposure to these experiences that will build their familiarity and comfort with nature. For information or to invest, contact Peter Kim, initiative officer, Environmental Solutions Forum II, 650.854.5566, ext. 206 phone, pjkim@siliconvalleycf.org.

To help celebrate Earth Day, Silicon Valley Community Foundation shares the Earth Day activities that our Environmental Solutions Forum partners are hosting throughout the region.

ACTERRA, PALO ALTO

www.acterra.org

Contact: Laura Stec, lauras@acterra.org, 650.962.9876, ext. 346.

Party for the Planet 2007 Fundraiser

Saturday, April 21, 2007

6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Unitarian Church, 505 East Charleston Road, Palo Alto

Reservations: \$75 per person, \$140 per couple.

In keeping with the spirit of Earth Day, Party for the Planet is a carbon-neutral, zero-waste event. And holding to Acterra's time-honored traditions, our Earth Day soirée will revolve around a delicious, organic, locally grown meal, live and silent auctions, and a variety of entertainment.

CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM, SAN JOSE

www.cdm.org

Contact: Sandy Derby, BioSITE/Environmental Science Educator, 408.298.5437, ext. 261.

Earth Day in the Garden

Saturday, April 21, 2007 and Sunday, April 22, 2007

Noon to 4 p.m.

180 Woz Way, San Jose, CA 95110

Kids can get their hands “earthy” digging for worms.

Nature Quilting

With Jen Snedeker

Sunday, April 22, 2007

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

180 Woz Way, San Jose, CA 95110

Local quilt artist Jen Snedeker and visitors will make an Earth Day Guadalupe River quilt , designed by Downtown College Prep High School BioSITE students.

HIDDEN VILLA, LOS ALTOS HILLS

www.hiddenvilla.org

Contact: Susan Love, slove@hiddenvilla.org, 650.949.8650

Starry Starry Night:

The 11th Annual Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Awards Dinner

Saturday, April 21, 2007

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Reservations: \$200 per person.

Contact: Anna Alioto, 650.949.8652.

Proceeds benefit Hidden Villa's scholarship programs for underprivileged youth.

Honoring Felicia Marcus, Executive Vice President, Trust for Public Land; Melineh Avanesian, Taft After School Program Coordinator and Jim and Emy Thurber, long time Los Altos residents and active community members.

Earth Day Hike to Celebration at Westwind Barn

Sunday, April 22, 2007

11:45 a.m.

Meet at Hidden Villa main parking lot, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Join Hidden Villa and the Los Altos Hills Pathways Committee for a leisurely hike from Hidden Villa to Westwind Barn. This will be an invigorating way to kick off the EARTH DAY CELEBRATION at WESTWIND BARN, which will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We'll leave at noon from Hidden Villa's main parking lot, so please arrive 10 minutes early. Return hikes from Westwind Barn to Hidden Villa will be available every hour. The hike is not recommended for young children.

Sustainable Building Tour

Sunday, April 22, 2007

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

\$10.00 per Person

Adult program. Tour our sustainable buildings, featuring solar electric generation, rammed earth and strawbale construction, recycled materials and more. Includes resource information.

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL, REDWOOD CITY

www.kennedy.rcsd.k12.ca.us

Contact: Pat Nugent (pnugent@rcsd.k12.ca.us)

Creek Restoration and Native Plant Installation

Saturday, April 21, 2007

9 a.m. to noon – restoration and planting

Noon – Picnic at City Hall Corporation Yard

Students from Kennedy Middle School, part of Silicon Valley Community Foundation's Environmental Solutions Forum II, will be working in conjunction with the City of Redwood City to celebrate Earth Day. In addition to getting rid of intrusive plants, students will plant native plants as part of their ongoing restoration of Stulsaft Park. The City is having a picnic at City Corporation Yard upon completion of the event.

MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE, REDWOOD CITY

www.sfbaymsi.org

Contact: Jeanine Borland Mann, MPH, jeanine@sfbaymsi.org, 650.364.2760, ext. 14.

Earth Day by the Bay

Saturday, April 21, 2007

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$5 suggested donation.

Fun for the whole family with activities at the shore-side facility as well as voyages on the research vessel, the Robert G. Brownlee. Sign ups for the ship are available online at www.sfbaymsi.org. Programs on land include shark feeding, exploring the invertebrates living in the bay mud, and looking at microscopic plankton projected against a big screen. The celebration features two of the hottest tot rock bands in Northern California: The Sippy Cups and The Banana Slug String Band.

SAVE THE BAY

Multiple locations throughout the Bay Area.

Contact: Jocelyn Gretz, 510-452-9261 x109

www.saveSFbay.org

**CLEAN
UP THE**

BAY! *In honor of April's **Earth Day**, Save the Bay is hosting several shoreline cleanup events in April and May to prevent trash from harming wetland habitat and Bay wildlife. Look for this "Clean Up The Bay" icon and sign up for one of these events at www.saveSFbay.org/restoration.*

SANTA CLARA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY AND THE CITY OF GILROY COMMUNITY SERVICES

www.ci.gilroy.ca.us

Contact: 408.846.0460

2007 Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 21, 2007

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Christmas Hill Park, Gilroy

Mulberry East and West Miller Ave. just south of Uvas Park Drive

The City of Gilroy Community Services & Santa Clara Audubon Society present free activities, tree planting demonstrations, live animals and birdhouse building. Eco & Wildlife Organizations will be available.

About Silicon Valley Community Foundation

The merger of Community Foundation Silicon Valley and Peninsula Community Foundation took effect on January 1, 2007, creating Silicon Valley Community Foundation, a catalyst and leader for innovative solutions to the region's most challenging problems. The new community foundation is among the largest community foundations in the nation, with more than \$1.5 billion in assets under management and 1,400 philanthropic funds.

In a region known for innovation in business and technology as well as philanthropy, the new community foundation will address local needs and support Silicon Valley's charitable giving to causes locally, nationally and around the globe. The integration marks the first merger of equals involving two of the country's leading community foundations and sets new precedent in the philanthropic sector. The new regional headquarters will open in Mountain View in the summer of 2007. On the web at www.siliconvalleycf.org.

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