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Valley Vision Announces the Recipients of the Legacy Feast \$3,000 Grants

Sacramento, May 25, 2011 – Valley Vision announces the recipients of the Legacy Feast \$3,000 grants. Each leader recognized at the fifth annual Legacy Feast Celebration, recognized for their work in the field of economic development, environmental stewardship, or social equity, received a \$3,000 grant to bestow on a local non-profit doing great work. A profile on each grantee is below.

The Stride Center

The Stride Center works to assure that local men and women achieve economic self-sufficiency through prosperous, vibrant, meaningful careers. The center has developed a curriculum and teaching staff that responds to the unique circumstances of men and women who face barriers to employment and delivers a successful method of training, a professional environment for learning, and helps people gain jobs and financial independence.

Walk Sacramento

Walk Sacramento strives to create walkable neighborhoods with communities of walkers throughout the Sacramento Region. Walk Sacramento works with transportation and land-use planners, elected officials, and community groups to create safe, walkable environments for all citizens. Furthermore, the organization works to increase funding for pedestrian infrastructure and implement pedestrian master plans for local communities.

Wind Youth Services

Wind Youth Services works with youth experiencing homelessness, helping them find safety from the streets and giving them access to resources to help them move from crisis to healthy functioning and independent lives. Wind works with each youth to assess circumstances and identify needs and then responds through a number of different programs that Wind runs in order to assist youth acquire the necessary tools to transform their lives.

Valley Vision named Meg Arnold, CEO of the Sacramento Area Regional Technology Alliance (SARTA), as the 2011 Regional Economic Development Leader who gifted her \$3,000 to the Stride Center; Larry Greene, Executive Director of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, as the 2011 Regional Environmental Leader who gifted his \$3,000 to Walk Sacramento; and Scott Hanson of Hanson McClain Financial Advisors as the 2011 Regional Social Equity Leader who gifted his \$3,000 to Wind Youth Services. Scott also matched the \$3,000 grant to Wind with an additional \$3,000.

