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HOPE GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW – DEADLINE JANUARY 7, 2011

Newcastle, CA— Grants Advisory Board for Youth (GABY) is now accepting applications for their 2011 Youth HOPE Grant program. Grants can be made up to \$1,500 to support youth-led projects that seek to create positive change in the community. The deadline for HOPE grant applications to be fully submitted is January 7, 2011.

The Grant Advisory Board for Youth (GABY) is comprised of local youth age 13 to 18. They will be reviewing and awarding grants that are lead by, and meet youth community needs in Western Placer County. Coordinated by the Placer Community Foundation, the GABY program works to foster philanthropy for our next generation.

"Placer County youth have a lot to offer — fresh ideas, good questions, and a genuine desire to give back to the community," says Pam Constantino, Placer Community Foundation grants committee member. "In return, Placer Community Foundation offers our youth a great experience in philanthropy through the Grant Advisory Board for Youth (GABY)."

The GABY and HOPE Grant program was launched by the Placer Community Foundation in October 2007. The grant application, as well as a grantseeker's workbook, to help guide youth applicants through the process is available on line at www.placerfc.org.

Past Youth HOPE grant projects have included:

- Oakmont High School—Teens for Humanity Club's Summer Splash Program—A school readiness program aimed to help successfully bridge the gap between junior high and high school.
- Rocklin High School—Peer Friendship Day Event—Brings students from different groups and backgrounds together with the goal of fostering tolerance and respect for each other.
- Chana High School—Education Options' After School Program—Provides a safe, learning and interactive environment for students.

About Placer Community Foundation

The Placer Community Foundation is a nonprofit corporation created by and for the people of Placer County. Through its mission to encourage philanthropy for the betterment of communities in the region, Placer Community Foundation functions as the preferred conduit for donors and professional advisors interested in establishing charitable endowments. For more information, and to learn how you help sustain the GABY program in Placer County, please visit www.placercf.org.

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