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Ventura County Community Foundation Announces

The Ryan Orfalea Scholarship

Scholarships to be Awarded to Children of Former Co-Workers of Kinko's Corporate Offices

(CAMARILLO, CA – February 9, 2007) — The Ventura County Community Foundation has announced the recently established Ryan Orfalea Scholarship. **The deadline to submit applications is February 16, 2007.**

The scholarships will be awarded to a graduating high school senior or high school graduate from schools throughout Ventura County planning to enroll full-time at an accredited vocational school, community college, or four-year university or college. Applicants must be the son or daughter, legally dependent stepchild, or ward of a regular full-time co-worker who has completed a minimum of three years eligible employment (accrued or consecutive) prior to December 31, 1996 at one of Kinko's Corporate Offices in Ventura County, located on West Stanley Avenue and Ralston Avenue in Ventura and the Town Center facility in Oxnard.

The scholarships will be between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and are renewable for up to three years contingent upon the recipient maintaining a cumulative 2.0 GPA or until an undergraduate degree is awarded, whichever occurs first. Financial need is not required but will be considered in the selection process.

Complete details about this and the other scholarship opportunities as well as the 2007 VCCF application form can be downloaded from the Foundation's Web site

www.vccf.org/scholarships.html.

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“There are many students in Ventura County who wish to pursue a higher education or career and technical education training, but may need assistance to do so,” noted Virginia Weber, Scholarship Program Officer at VCCF. “Not all of these students are straight-A students, and many of the scholarships awarded are based on financial need or a student’s academic improvement or community service. The Orfalea Family Foundation’s grant to VCCF establishing this scholarship will enable students whose parents were employed by Kinko’s in Ventura County to fulfill their desire to obtain a higher education.”

“We are pleased to partner with the Orfalea Family Foundation in extending this important assistance to Ventura County families,” echoed VCCF President Hugh Ralston. “Their ongoing partnership through several scholarship efforts at VCCF represents a significant investment in the future of students in the county and in the workforce of the future. We are grateful for their generous support.”

The Ventura County Community Foundation is a family of charitable funds whose combined assets now exceed \$100 million, with 2006 grants and pledges of \$8.5 million. The Foundation’s mission is to promote and enable philanthropy to improve our community and to build long-term capital to benefit Ventura County. For more information, visit www.vccf.org.

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