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Survey to Determine Unmet Needs of Women in Three Target Groups
Women's Legacy Fund asks women to help decide most critical needs

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA—Women from three demographic groups in San Luis Obispo County—female college students, women age 60 or older, and Latina women—are being asked to take an online survey that will help determine their most pressing needs. From February 1st through February 26th, the Women's Legacy Fund will make each survey available online as well as on paper at various participating nonprofits, agencies, and groups throughout the county. Student volunteers will also conduct face-to-face surveys with women 60 and older throughout the community during the final two weeks of the month.

While questions are tailored to address the specific concerns of each group, all three of the surveys will ask respondents to rank the top five issues they believe most need to be addressed in order to improve the lives of women and girls, their quality of life, and their access to assistance.

Results will be analyzed by Women's Legacy Fund staff as part of a larger report on the status of women and girls in SLO County. The report will include input from other nonprofits and agencies to compile crucial demographic data as well as information about the education, health, safety, and economic well-being of women and girls countywide.

"This comprehensive report will not only be a valuable resource to the public," said Janice Fong Wolf, Director of Grants and Programs for the San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation where the Women's Legacy Fund is held, "but it will also serve as an indicator of what issues need to be addressed ... and help guide the WLF in issuing grants where they are needed most."

Women who fall into any of the three groups—college age, over 60, or Latina—are urged to log onto www.sloccf.org and click on "Surveys Link" in the upper right hand section of the Home page after February 1st to take the survey.

"We hope the surveys will yield information that will assist helping agencies to remove the barriers keeping women from getting assistance," Wolf explained. "The Women's Legacy Fund wants to make sure they are better served."

For more information about the Women's Legacy Fund or any of the funds and endowments held by the SLO County Community Foundation, log onto www.sloccf.org or call 543-2323.

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