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Youth Programs Receive a \$115,779 Boost From the Pathways to Adulthood Initiative
Teens Get Mentoring and Employment Assistance from Plethora of Programs

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA—Five local organizations received a total of \$115,779 in grant funds from the Pathways to Adulthood Initiative this year. Established by the San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation (SLOCCF), Pathways to Adulthood seeks to answer the question: “What do our teens need from communities to help pave their way toward adulthood?”

Through its proactive partnership approach, Pathways to Adulthood makes grants available to youth-serving agencies countywide, thereby fostering innovative programs and improving the systems that support our young people. Grants are available to qualifying organizations that work to provide young people with career exploration, employability skills and mentorship. This year’s recipients are:

- **Animus Learning Foundation** – to enhance the “Getting About Town Program,” a cooperative effort between the ALF, the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, and Liberty Continuation High School to offer mentorship and employability skills training.
- **CAPSLO’s LifeBound Leadership** – to expand the existing youth leadership and advocacy curriculum to include job readiness/skills curriculum, mentorship, and career exposure/shadowing for teens.
- **Senior Nutrition Program SLO County** – to enhance a partnership between the SNP and three youth-serving organizations to provide job training and mentoring to 35 transitional-age youth and to encourage positive interaction among young people and seniors.
- **Atascadero Community Link** – second year grant to support continued operations for “Teens at Work” and the plan to make it self-sustaining.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters** – second year grant to support continued operations for “Youth Career Exploration and Mentoring Program” and the plan to make it self-sustaining.

“Since its inception, the Pathways to Adulthood Initiative has proven to have an extremely positive impact on career decision-making among our teens,” said Janice Fong Wolf, the SLO County Community Foundation’s Director of Grants and Programs. “We are pleased to be able to continue to fund these life-changing programs for young people.”

For more information about Pathways to Adulthood, or any other fund and endowment held by the Foundation, please call (805) 543-2323 or log onto www.sloccf.org.

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