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\$25,000 Grants Awarded to Local Non-Profits

(*San Luis Obispo, CA*) Five local non-profit organizations received checks totaling \$25,000 at Mission Community Bank's third annual Community Club grants luncheon held at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo on May 20. The non-profits were each awarded a \$5,000 grant based on their community support to youth, education, health, economic development or affordable housing, and human services.

Dozens of non-profits submitted Community Club grant applications and these five organizations were selected from the applications submitted:

Boys & Girls Club of South SLO County
Economic Opportunity Commission Health Services
The Literacy Council
Mission Community Services Corporation
NCI Affiliates, Inc.

"Local non-profit organizations are increasingly challenged in their fundraising efforts," said Anita Robinson, Mission Community Bank CEO, "as traditional sources of funding at the state and federal government levels are cut back. We are proud to take a share of our profits and distribute them to organizations in the communities we serve."

Boys & Girls Club of South SLO County will use the \$5,000 Community Club grant to establish the Keystone Club, a program which develops leadership skills and an understanding of community service among at-risk teens and young adults.

With their grant funds, Economic Opportunity Commission Health Services will support the Forty Wonderful Program, promoting early detection of chronic and life-threatening diseases, and improving access to medical services for low-income, uninsured and underinsured women, 40 to 65.

The Literacy Council will use the Community Club grant to assist adult learners and their families in developing their English language communication skills. They will provide individual and group instruction in reading, writing, speaking and basic number skills, thereby furthering the ability of learners to function well in the community.

Mission Community Services Corporation will use their grant funds to provide low to moderate income individuals with training to create business plans and technical assistance to help these entrepreneurs develop the essentials for building successful, self-sustaining child care businesses.

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NCI Affiliates, Inc. will direct their Community Club grant to help fund the Day Support Program for developmentally disabled young and senior adults. NCI Affiliates will move into a new building in 2008, and needs new equipment and curriculum materials for the day support center classrooms.

In 2005, Mission Community Bank developed Community Club, a package of free checking and premium interest rate financial services for businesses and individuals. The bank has awarded \$5,000 Community Club grants annually to five local non-profit organizations since 2006.

About Mission Community Bank

Mission Community Bank is a locally owned and operated community bank with offices in Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles, a Business Banking Center in San Luis Obispo and a new branch office in Santa Maria to open in 2008. The bank has received several awards for its success in meeting community needs in small business lending and development banking services, has earned an Outstanding rating for its Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) activities, and is an Small Business Administration (SBA) Preferred Lender. For more information, visit www.MissionCommunityBank.com.

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