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2006 Winners Announced at the Accessibility Advocacy Award Ceremony
Dr. Roya Javadpour, John Lee and Jack's Helping Hand Inc. were honored at the ceremony

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – The San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation (SLOCCF) honored Dr. Roya Javadpour, John Lee, Avila Lighthouse Suites and Jack's Helping Hand Inc. for their efforts to create accessibility in San Luis Obispo County at the Paul Wolff Accessibility Advocacy Awards (PWAAA) ceremony. The event was held on Saturday, July 28 at the Clark Center for the Performing Arts in Arroyo Grande. Along with recognition of the winners and nominees of the PWAAA, the ceremony featured a performance by Geri Jewell, an actress and comedian born with cerebral palsy.

Dr. Roya Javadpour started and directs the innovative home modification service project Poly House. Each spring quarter she oversees a group of Cal Poly students in the renovation of the home of a local citizen who is typically of lower income and disabled or too frail to make a safer, more accessible environment.

John Lee is a volunteer instructor for the Cal Poly Adapted Paddling Program, helping promote positive, inclusive attitudes toward people with disabilities among college students. John also wrote and obtained a grant to produce "Curb Cuts," a television program that raises awareness of access issues within San Luis Obispo County.

Avila Lighthouse Suites offers their disabled guests and the general public free use of a manual beach wheelchair. Hotel manager Pablo Sanchez was instrumental in working to obtain the wheelchair and training hotel staff in its use.

Jack's Helping Hand Inc. is in the process of developing the Jack Ready Imagination Park on 31 donated acres of land in Nipomo. The park is being designed using the principals of universal access, and will be the county's first fully accessible park, playground and recreational sports facility. Jack's Helping Hand also provides financial assistance to children with special needs for equipment, special items, or transportation.

Established in 2000 through the San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation, the Paul Wolff Accessibility Advocacy Award honors local architect, Paul Wolff who has generously contributed his time, energy and talents toward the creation of a barrier-free community. The award was established to reward the efforts of individuals or organizations creating a more accessible San Luis Obispo County.

The Foundation has established over 180 endowed funds totaling more than \$23 million. Individuals interested in more information about the Paul Wolff Accessibility Advocacy Award or any other fund can call 543-2323 or log onto www.slocf.org.

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