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FOUNDATION HOSTS ANNUAL DONOR RECEPTION

Our donors are critical to our success in building a significant community endowment and thus annually we host a reception to thank them for their support. On Tuesday evening May 27th, more than 100 people gathered at the home of Candace and Kent Humber to be recognized by the Foundation.

Dan Pittard, Chairman of the Board of Directors, commented that RSF Foundation was celebrating 27 years of promoting effective philanthropy in our community. He recognized Union Bank of California as one of our most important philanthropic partners – they have provided office space rent free for the last 10 years.

With assets now totaling nearly \$29 million, he emphasized that \$43 million in new gifts have come to the Foundation in the last eight years, and that \$23 million in grants have been made, mostly in San Diego County.

The RSF Women's Fund, begun four years ago by Gayle Gillies Mize and Emily Bagnall, now has 142 members and has made grants totaling nearly \$780,000 in North San Diego County.

Mr. Pittard emphasized several major initiatives undertaken by the Foundation over the years including assistance to San Pasqual Academy, Hurricane Katrina and the Osuna Adobe Restoration Project. He reported that during the October wildfires, nearly \$300,000 in support for S.D. County came from funds raised by our community through the Foundation.

The Foundation is beginning an initiative focusing on the Armed Forces and has created two funds – Wounded & Fallen Warrior Fund and Armed Forces Family Support fund – San Diego – in support of this project. Chuck Yash is leading this effort on behalf of the Foundation and more details about the project will be revealed over the summer.