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Community Foundation for Monterey County Honors Robert and Sue Antle with 2010 Distinguished Trustee Award

Monterey County, California The Community Foundation for Monterey County honored Robert and Sue Antle as the recipients of the 2010 Distinguished Trustee Award for their philanthropic leadership in Monterey County. The Community Foundation for Monterey County, the largest grantmaking foundation on the Central Coast, established the award in 1989 to honor men and women who have shown leadership in supporting charitable causes in Monterey County. The award was presented at the Foundation's annual Donor Recognition Reception on October 28th.

"The Antles epitomize true philanthropic spirit. For decades, they have dedicated themselves to community service, supported dozens of organizations financially, and their commitment to improve farm worker quality of life, including housing, education and health is remarkable," stated Board Chair, Dick Borda. "By recognizing the generosity of role models such as the Antles, the Community Foundation seeks to highlight and encourage philanthropy throughout our region," added Community Foundation for Monterey County President/CEO, Dan Baldwin. As recipients of the Distinguished Trustee Award, the Antles were able to designate a grant from the Community Foundation to the charity of their choice in the amount of \$10,000. A check was presented to the Salvation Army Salinas Corps.

Bob Antle, co-chairman of Tanimura and Antle, was honored last year by the Center for Community Advocacy (CCA) with the CCA's Ben Heller Award for Leadership & Courage. It was presented in recognition of Tanimura and Antle's dedication to operating a company that provides health insurance and above market wages for its field workers, for its philanthropic commitment and for Antle's personal efforts to improve housing and health conditions for farm workers, testifying on behalf of the CCA before the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and state bureaucrats. Bob also currently serves on the board of the Panetta Institute.

The Antles took a lead role in supporting the Tanimura and Antle Family Memorial Library at CSU Monterey Bay, named in honor of both the Tanimura and Antle families, whose Salinas-based company ranks as the largest independent lettuce grower/distributor in the world. Together the families made a generous lead gift of \$4 million to help the library become a reality. (more)

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2010 was the 12th year of participation of Tanimura and Antle's Relay for Life team with over \$1,037,000 raised. Since 1998 they have been contributors, walkers and featured participants. The cause is an important one as 2006 torchbearer Sue Antle is a cancer survivor. Sue's dedication to the Salinas Valley is seen in a number of ways including through the Monterey County Reads program. In the early years of the program, she played a leading role in recruiting community volunteers from the Salinas city and valley areas to serve in local elementary schools. Currently, she contributes to the program as a reading volunteer at Frank Ledesma Elementary School in Soledad reading with young children. Sue is also a member of the Have a Heart committee at CSU Monterey Bay, which raises money for community-supported student scholarships.

In addition to awarding of the annual Distinguished Trustee Award, highlights of the evening include a celebration of the past year's accomplishments and an update of the Community Foundation's programs from President/CEO, Dan Baldwin. Community Foundation board member Jim Bogart, who serves on the Literacy Campaign's Steering Committee, will give an overview of the Literacy Campaign for Monterey County.

The Community Foundation's *2009-2010 Report to the Community* is available online at www.cfmco.org and provides donors, professional advisors, nonprofits and the general community an overview of the Foundation's accomplishments. In addition to granting nearly \$5.3 million to over 350 nonprofits in 2009, highlights of the Foundations' current programs and initiatives include:

- *Literacy Campaign for Monterey County* – a five-year, multi-million dollar civic engagement initiative to create an integrated, collaborative and countywide infrastructure to sustain quality programs to increase the level of adult literacy.
- *The Management Assistance Program* – a year-long series of affordable workshops, training classes, and technical assistance grants to help the staff and board of nonprofit agencies strengthen their management, improve their fund-raising results, and plan for their future.
- *The LEAD (Leadership Education and Development) program* – a professional development institute for emerging nonprofit leaders in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties.
- *The Neighborhood Grants Program* – a program providing small grants, training, and ongoing consulting to informal community groups.
- *Communities Advancing the Arts Phase II* – funded through a grant from the James Irvine Foundation, this initiative is a county-wide set of grants, collaborative activities, and direct outreach efforts to improve the capacity and sustainability of performing and visual arts groups.

The mission of the Community Foundation for Monterey County is to improve the quality of life in Monterey County by raising, managing, and distributing charitable funds to qualified organizations and by creating positive connections between donors and their interests. For more information please call (831) 375-9712 or visit www.cfmco.org.