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**MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO AWARD
ADDITIONAL \$10,000 IN 2012 TO LOCAL NON-PROFIT**

“10 for 10” Award Celebrates Foundation’s 10 Year Anniversary

Morgan Hill, Calif., (January 20, 2012) – The Morgan Hill Community Foundation (MHCF) proudly announces its intention to grant one \$10,000 award to a local, qualifying non-profit to celebrate the MHCF’s 10-year anniversary of philanthropy in Morgan Hill. The winner will be announced at MHCF’s 7th Annual Philanthropy Celebration, November 9, 2012, at the Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center.

A copy of the grant application is now available at <http://www.morganhillcf.org/>. The application deadline is September 1, 2012, with an acknowledgement of receipt by September 15, 2012. Grant applications and all documentation should be mailed to MHCF, P.O. Box 1974, Morgan Hill, CA 95038. Questions can be directed to Mario Banuelos, mario.banuelos@morganhillcf.org.

The MHCF will also continue its annual spring tradition of awarding up to \$5,000 to multiple, local nonprofits. Deadlines and requirements for the annual spring grants will be available on our website in early 2012. Recipients of the annual grants will be award in May 2012. The “10 for 10” grant is in addition to the MHCF’s annual grants.

In the past nine years the MHCF has granted over \$50,000 to approximately 36 local non-profits and community projects. “Over the past nine years, our grants to local organizations have made tangible differences to so many in our community,” said Dave Reisenauer, president of the Morgan Hill Community Foundation. “I can’t think of a better way to celebrate our tenth year than to give our largest, single grant to date and to do it in grand style during the Annual Philanthropy 2012 celebration. This award will showcase philanthropy and how it changes lives for the better.”

In addition to the “10 for 10” program, the MHCF and its alliances have a number of events in the coming weeks to continue supporting the community. Those include the Morgan Hill Library Foundation’s annual Puzzle Fest, January 28-29, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Morgan Hill Library, the Teachers’ Aid Coalition hosting Chocolate and Wine for Valentine’s, February 11, 2 p.m.-5 p.m., at the Granary in Morgan Hill, and the South Valley Athletic Association’s Wine Auction, March 30, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. For more information on these events and others later in the year, please see www.morganhillcf.org.

The MHCF maintains alliances with nine additional community groups, each supporting a different need in Morgan Hill. The alliances cover areas as diverse as the Morgan Hill Dog Owners Group, the Morgan Hill Community Gardens, Sister Cities Association, the Morgan Hill Wind Symphony, the Morgan Hill

Library Foundation, Teachers' Aid Coalition, Friends of the Morgan Hill Senior Center, San Pedro Trail Volunteers, Volunteer Morgan Hill, and the South Valley Athletic Foundation.

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About Morgan Hill Community Foundation

The Morgan Hill Community Foundation (MHCF) is a tax-exempt public charity focused on improving the quality of life in the greater Morgan Hill region. MHCF accomplishes this by furthering a culture of giving to address community needs and identifying and acquiring resources that provide support to nonprofit groups and programs. The group meets the breadth of community needs through six funding areas: Arts & Culture, Recreation, Education & Livelong Learning, Health & Human Services, Science & Technology, and Environment & Agriculture. It has an annual discretionary grants process that awards grants to local non-profit organizations and programs, as well as works with donors on an individual basis to assist in philanthropic choices and community investment strategies. It is an affiliate member of the Community Foundation of Silicon Valley, a tax-exempt public charity with assets of over \$1.5 billion. For more information, see <http://www.morganhillcf.org/>.

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