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Grants Awarded to Combat Violence and Crime in Southwest Florida

Fort Myers, FL (May 18, 2010) – The Women’s Legacy Fund (WLF), a fund of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, awarded \$10,500 in grants during their annual luncheon on May 14 at the Lexington Country Club in South Fort Myers. More than 130 Southwest Florida women attended.

The WLF’s grant focus area for 2010 was violence and crime prevention and intervention. A grant was awarded to the PACE Center for Girls in the amount of \$4,500 and to the Children’s Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida in the amount of \$6,000.

In just three years of existence, the WLF has been able to provide \$37,000 in grants to benefit people and communities in Southwest Florida. It was established in 2007 by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to enable women in Southwest Florida to direct their giving in focused, strategic ways. The fund’s mission is to improve the quality of life in Southwest Florida “through a woman’s perspective.”

The WLF 2010-2011 membership year begins on July 1 and memberships are now being accepted. A luncheon is held in the fall to vote on the focus of their giving for the coming year. The granting process is conducted in the spring.

Grant recipients in 2009 were C.A.R.E.S. Suicide Prevention and Lee Mental Health. The grant focus area that year was mental health.

For more information about the Women’s Legacy Fund, contact the Southwest Florida Community Foundation at 239-274-5900.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation has been supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, and Hendry counties for over 33 years. Through 331 endowed funds, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$46 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. For more information, please call 274-5900, or visit our website at www.floridacommunity.com.

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