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November a Month of Thanks for Yolo Caregivers

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County found several ways in the month of November to thank those who provide care to elders and disabled adults so that they may remain living safely in their homes. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors, who also act as the governing board of the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority, declared November 20-27, 2007, to be IHSS Caregiver Week, and on November 7, the IHSS Public Authority held the county’s first ever Caregiver Open House to celebrate the role of caregivers in our society.

“Approximately 1,618 IHSS caregivers provide home care services and support which make it possible for 1,668 low-income disabled and elderly residents in Yolo County to remain living independently,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors and IHSS Public Authority Chair Mariko Yamada. “We are exceedingly grateful to these caregivers who promote independence, dignity, and quality of life for our Yolo County residents.”

Approximately 3,000 consumers and providers from all over Yolo County were invited to attend the IHSS Public Authority Caregiver Open House. Special guests included Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mariko Yamada and IHSS Advisory Committee Chair Nancy Seyden. Both Chair Yamada and Ms. Seyden spoke to the assembled group and thanked the caregivers for their time and caring support of Yolo County’s vulnerable population of elders and disabled adults. Acting Public Authority Director Jan Wolff presented Chair Yamada with a certificate thanking her for her work in supporting the needs of elderly and disabled adults in Yolo County.

The IHSS Public Authority would like to thank the following local businesses that supported this special event through their generous donations of raffle prizes, which were awarded to local caregivers in recognition of their efforts: Bel Air, Raley’s, Sizzling Hot Mongolian, Country Waffles, Sizzler, Jeffrey Phillips Chiropractor, Mengali’s Florist, All About You/Massage-Stephanie Dollar, Jody’s Mexican Food, Little Caesars, Midas, Starbucks, Home Depot, True Value Hardware, Mr. Pickles, Pizza Guys, H₂O, Rico’s, Nugget Market, Walmart, Food 4 Less, America’s Tires and Jamba Juice. In addition, Timothy’s Bakery donated a full sheet cake for the celebration. Support from local business owners help highlight an understanding of the importance of In-Home Supportive Services to all residents of Yolo County.

“The work of Yolo County’s IHSS caregivers requires great sensitivity, honesty, patience, trust, commitment, dedication, and compassion, and is both physically demanding and emotionally challenging,” said Acting Public Authority Director Jan Wolff. “The County Board of Supervisors, as well as the Public Authority and the Department of Employment and Social Services would once again like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of our caring and devoted county caregivers.”

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