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From one foundation to another: Community Foundation underwrites a year of transportation for the PAC Student Matinee Program 2016-17 season

SAN LUIS OBISPO, June 1, 2016—the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center has received a \$10,000 grant from the Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County (CFSLOCO). This grant will be used to fund transportation for SLO County students attending the 2016-17 School Matinee Program (SMP) at the Performing Arts Center. The SMP brings admission-free, high quality, performing arts to thousands of children every year (up to 9,000 in 2016-17!) Students who come to the PAC are entertained, educated, and enlightened by musicians, dancers, singers, and actors. Many of the children who attend the matinees would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience live performing arts.

The Foundation for the Performing Arts Center was chosen to receive this grant and is among 30 recipients, whose grants total \$228,800. Executive Director Heather Cochrane remarked, “On behalf of the thousands of children who stand to benefit from the SMP program, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Community Foundation. With over 40% of the county’s school-age children enrolled in subsidized school lunch programs, funding for enrichment programs is vital. Securing transportation for these matinees removes one more barrier to these kids getting to experience something amazing.”

This year’s grantmaking program is made possible through the generous support of the Foundation’s Community Endowment and many donor funds held at the Foundation. In only 16 years, the CFSLOCO has given out more than \$28 million in grants to assist nonprofit agencies. For more information on the CFSLOCO or any funds, call 543-2323 or log onto www.cfsloco.org

About the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center

Established in 1986, the Foundation provides and promotes an extraordinary and accessible center for the performing arts that elevates the arts in our community, in collaboration with our partners, California Polytechnic State University and the City of San Luis Obispo. For more information on the Foundation, its mission, values and programs, please visit: <http://fpacslo.org>

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