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**Anonymous Donor will Boost Benefits to
TEACH Foundation at “Barrels R Art” Auction**

San Luis Obispo, CA (August 12, 2008) – An anonymous donor has pledged to match up to \$2,000 for each one-of-a-kind barrel auctioned at the September 6 “Barrels R Art” benefit for the TEACH Foundation. Six well-known local artists have each transformed a 60-gallon wine barrel into a unique piece of art, which will go to the highest bidder at the Tolosa Winery-sponsored event.

The TEACH foundation (The Endowment for the Advancement of Children) raises money for an independent, permanent endowment that directly benefits education in the San Luis Coastal school district. Teachers may apply to the foundation for grants up to \$1000 to help fund special programs in the classroom, providing opportunities that students might not, otherwise, have. In just eight years the TEACH Foundation endowment has provided more than \$100,000 in opportunities for students in every subject and every grade level (www.theteachfoundation.org).

Artists, who have donated their time for the foundation, include Roseanne Seitz, Julie Dunn, Justin Abraham Johnson, Carol Paulson, Tracy Taylor and Patti Sullivan. Barrels are on display at the Tolosa Winery tasting room or may be viewed at www.Tolosawinery.com. The elegant evening will be catered by Meagen Loring of The Park Restaurant, and paired with Tolosa wines. Guests can meet the artists and bid on the barrels under the entertaining direction of auctioneer Gil Stork. There will also be a silent auction and opportunity to donate directly to the foundation. All donations and auction proceeds go directly to the TEACH Foundation.

The anonymous donor contacted the San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation to make the pledge. Event tickets are available at the Winery: 782-0300 or Tolosawinery.com

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