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United Way Youth Board Awards Three \$1,000 Grants

San Luis Obispo, CA – The United Way of San Luis Obispo County Youth Board has awarded three \$1,000 grants to local youth projects and programs. The grants were awarded to:

- Melinda Marchiano, for her Literacy and Advocacy Youth Challenge, inspiring peers through her book, “Grace: A Child’s Intimate journey Through Cancer and Recovery.”
- Atascadero High School Robotics Team, to help design and build a robot to participate in FIRST Robotics competitions.
- Chalk Mountain Garden Group, a gardening club from Successful Launch at Cuesta College, who have turned their service into work experience while generating income for youth involved.

Groups created projects that have a positive impact on youth (up to age 19), and incorporated the 40 Developmental Assets and other youth development principles.

Applications were peer reviewed by members of the 2010-2011 Youth Board. This group of high school students seeks to increase philanthropy and leadership in San Luis Obispo County youth, and improve programs to better serve our community.

For more information about United Way of SLO County, the Youth Board program, or the Youth Grant program, email youthboard@unitedwayslo.org, visit www.unitedwayslo.org or call (805) 541-1234.

Photo: Members of the United Way Youth Board present the awards to Melinda Marchiano, members of the Atascadero High School Robotics Team, and Chalk Mountain Garden Group.

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