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YWCA of Silicon Valley in partnership with East Side Union High School District is granted \$5M through 21st Century ASSETs funding

San Jose, CA – The YWCA of Silicon Valley proudly announces that it has received funding through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program. Working in partnership with East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD), the YWCA has been awarded \$1 million for five consecutive years to provide students with academic enrichment opportunities along with activities designed to complement the students' regular academic program. Under the 21st CCLC High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETS) grant, the YWCA will serve students attending Andrew P. Hill High, William C. Overfelt High, Yerba Buena High, and James Lick High.

Bob Nuñez, Superintendent of ESUHSD said, "East Side Union High School District is immensely happy and gratified to have been awarded this prestigious grant that will help our students set and attain both personal and educational goals. In addition, we look forward to continued collaboration with the YWCA as we work together to create an after school program that will serve as a model to others."

The YWCA will provide three hours of after-school academic and enrichment activities at each of the above-mentioned schools five days a week to 139 students at each school site. Services are modeled after the YWCA's *New Options* After-School Program design and will begin in September of 2007. Graciela Valladares, Director of Youth Services said, "I am so excited that we will be able to help students graduate, earn extra credits, improve their grades, and learn skills that will empower them to lead healthier, happier, more successful lives."

"Our *New Options* After-School Program has been facilitated since 1997 to encourage at-risk, low-income, minority students to succeed academically, maintain good health, and reach economic self-sufficiency," explained Keri Procnier McLain, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA of Silicon Valley. "We are honored to continue our work in this community, expanding our reach and depth of services."

For more information on Youth Services Programs, please visit the YWCA of Silicon Valley's website at www.ywca-sv.org or contact the Director of Youth Services, Graciela Valladares, at (408) 295-4011 ext 210.

About the YWCA of Silicon Valley

For over 100 years of service, the mission of the YWCA of Silicon Valley has remained steadfast: **to empower women, children, and their families, and to eliminate racism, hatred, and prejudice.** Our geographic service area includes all of Santa Clara County. We constantly assess the needs of the community and develop programs to help individuals and families in transition help themselves. Of the nearly 24,000 individuals reached by the YWCA of Silicon Valley's programs each year, 84% are children or teens and 46% are of racial or ethnic minority reflecting our diverse population. To ensure that everyone can benefit from our programs, our services are offered on a sliding scale basis or with subsidies when available. Our programs include: Child Care, Counseling, Family Enrichment and Supervised Visitation, Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention, Social and Racial Justice (SARJ), and Youth Services.

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