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Fairmead, CA
Fairmead Community & Friends
Celebrates its new 501c3 nonprofit status!

(Fairmead, CA) May 4, 2015 --- Fairmead Community & Friends has received its official 501(c)(3) status from the IRS, a major achievement that validates Fairmead Community & Friends efforts! They will continue to raise donations and apply for grants to build their long term fund for community outreach projects.

Fairmead Community & Friends strives to fulfill its mission to make the Fairmead community a better place to live by advocating for health justice, safer environments, and community resources. They are dedicated in Changing Lives, Empowering People and Building a Better Community.

Barbara Nelson, board president shares "First of all we want to honor and give praise to God, without Him we could not have made it this far. In addition, we are very grateful to Executive Directors M.J. Neighbors and Mattie Mendez, and Program Managers Mary Long and Elizabeth Wisener and their entire staff at Community Action Partnership of Madera County (CAPMC). They have been an exceptional social service agency that has been our fiduciary support since our inception in 2007. CAPMC has provided the mentorship to establish our organization that ultimately allowed us to apply for this tax exempt status.

We also received amazing support and guidance from many other agencies and individuals that truly cared that we succeeded. We would like to thank Baldwin Moy • CRLA Madera, Cristina Gomez- Vidal • Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program, Phoebe Seaton and Veronica Garibay • Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, Michael Eissigner • UC Merced, Jonathan Mathis • Design Creative Services, Eddie Ocampo • Self Help Enterprises Visalia, Pastor Walker and the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, The Picayune Chukchansi Indians, Deborah Johnson • Central California Women's Facility, Norm Allinder and the Madera County Resource Management Agency, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bandy, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Tate and the numerous others who have supported us over the years.

About Fairmead Community & Friends

Fairmead Community & Friends was established in 2007 by four co-founders; Barbara Nelson- President, Nettie Amey- (*resigned as of 1/15/15*), Lawyer Cooper and Annie Cooper. Elaine Moore- Vice President; Caroline Williams-Treasurer; Vickie Ortiz- Secretary; Board members - Bonnie Andreucci, Juanita Britt, Norma Bustillos, Dorothy Williams and Fred Williams.

For the past 8 years with continued efforts and accomplishments, this small grassroots community group has raised money through fundraisers, donations and grants to provide community festivities, seasonal celebrations and monthly community awareness meetings for Fairmead families. Fairmead Community & Friends is a community focal point to assist the residents with their questions and concerns regarding their community and as a collective group are determined to build a better community.

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If you would like to help support their mission by making a donation please make check payable to Fairmead Community & Friends and mail to P.O. Box 517 Chowchilla, CA 93610. For further information you can contact Barbara Nelson at (559) 665-0848, email bnelson@fairmead.org or check out their facebook page and website at www.fairmead.org.

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