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## PRESS RELEASE

### LODI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SAN JOAQUIN PARTNER TO MAGNIFY IMPACT OF LOCAL PHILANTHROPY

**San Joaquin County** – The Community Foundation of San Joaquin (CFOSJ) and Lodi Community Foundation (LCF) announced a new partnership whose aim is to magnify the impact of local philanthropy to better support donors, nonprofits, and improve the lives of residents of the region. The partnership, which is in the form of an affiliation agreement, will benefit LCF by leveraging CFOSJ's administrative services and grantmaking expertise, as well as grow LCF's organizational capacity to better support donors and nonprofits in Lodi. The partnership also involves the transfer of more than \$5 million in charitable assets from Sacramento Region Community Foundation to CFOSJ. The move will enable LCF's charitable funds to be professionally managed locally.

For the past 16 years, LCF had been an affiliate of Sacramento Region Community Foundation. *"Lodi Community Foundation owes its growth and successes these past 16 years to the incredible support and guidance of Sacramento; thank you to the Sacramento team,"* said John Ledbetter, Board Chair of the Lodi Community Foundation. *"With this move to San Joaquin, we'll have a local philanthropic partner working with us to improve the lives of all Lodians."*

LCF made the decision to move its affiliation after years of working closely with CFOSJ on locally focused efforts, such as co-hosting the annual Community Philanthropy Summit. The two organizations have worked together to support Lodi nonprofits through CFOSJ's capacity building program, Jumpstart, and most recently, LCF granted \$5,000 to nine Lodi profits through CFOSJ's annual 209Gives virtual fundraising event.

*"We can help Lodi nonprofits be better informed about local programs and resources available to them,"* said Ledbetter. *"It's the right time for our organizations to make this move."*

*"This new partnership between our two foundations will enhance collaboration to expand our collective impact,"* said Moses Zapien, CEO of the Community Foundation of San Joaquin. *"We look forward to working together to support the local donor and nonprofit communities to improve the lives of our residents."*

#### **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SAN JOAQUIN**

The Community Foundation of San Joaquin (CFOSJ) partners with donors to advance the public good through philanthropy. CFOSJ is committed to building a healthy and prosperous community where all can thrive by promoting equity and supporting community connectivity. In 2020 and 2021, CFOSJ granted out more than \$5 million to mostly local nonprofits to support a range of community needs. For more information about the Community Foundation of San Joaquin, visit [www.cfosj.org](http://www.cfosj.org).

#### **ABOUT THE LODI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Lodi Community Foundation (LCF) was established in 2005 to help accomplish the philanthropic goals of the Lodi community effectively, efficiently and in a sustainable manner. The mission of LCF is to advocate and facilitate charitable giving to create lasting legacies that build a stronger Lodi community. For more information about the Lodi Community Foundation, visit [www.lodicommunityfoundation.org](http://www.lodicommunityfoundation.org).