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## **Calaveras Mentoring Foundation Successfully Meets First Year Goals *2011 Calaveras Follies Nets \$23,500!***



(Angels Camp, CA) – The Calaveras Mentoring Foundation has donated \$27,000 to the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program – almost 70% of the program’s budget – in its first year as 501c3 nonprofit organization. The 2011 Calaveras Follies (April 16) raised an impressive \$23,500 for the Mentoring Program, which was presented to the program by the Calaveras Mentoring Foundation board this week. O.A.R.S.’ annual Mokelumne River Rafting Adventure (June 5) was another successful fundraiser for the Foundation this year.

“We are very grateful to our sponsors and our community for their continued support of youth mentoring,” said Peggy Lucas, president of the Calaveras Mentoring Foundation. “This was our first year of raising awareness and support for the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program, and we are extremely pleased that we were able to achieve our fundraising goals.”

The 2011 Calaveras Follies was the seventh annual gala and lip-synched musical revue with community celebrities as the stars. The Calaveras Follies has become a signature event in Calaveras County. This year’s show was directed by Isabel Franke and produced by Marian Coahran, Peggy Bishop and Scot Bishop. Over 100 community members came together to create the extravagant evening, which featured a sumptuous buffet, a variety of local wines and beers, the Elegant Follies Raffle of baskets worth about \$1,000 each, and a new Follies Auction. The raffle and auction alone generated over \$10,000.

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Major sponsors of the 2011 Follies included Jillian Day Spa & Salon, Jim and Deana Murchison, Calaveras County Office of Education, Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital, Carol B. Phelps, Vintage Realty, Sandy and Wayne Fuller, Donna Shannon, Marian Coahran, Sierra Pacific Foundation, and Walmart.

For those who missed the show or would like to see it again, DVDs of all past Calaveras Follies, produced by HStar, Inc., are now available for \$15 each at the Follies website, [www.calaverasfollies.com](http://www.calaverasfollies.com), or by calling (209) 728-1691. Proceeds from DVD sales also benefit the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program.

The Mokelumne River Rafting Adventure is an annual gift from O.A.R.S. to the mentoring program; O.A.R.S. has been thanking mentoring program donors with a breathtakingly beautiful trip down this local river for the past eight years and hopes one day soon to be able to offer the trip commercially.

The Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program is a countywide program administered by the Calaveras County Office of Education and funded by grants and donations. Its mission is to connect Calaveras young people in first through twelfth grades with safe, positive adult role models who will offer support, guidance and friendship and help the youth make healthy life decisions. The program is actively recruiting mentors for local youth. For more information about the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program, please call 736-6078 or visit online at [www.calaverasmentoring.org](http://www.calaverasmentoring.org).