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Local Youth to Recognize the Contributions of Sacramento's Foster Grandparents

Sacramento, California, December 17, 2007— According to the U.S. Census - 2006 American Community Survey, 4,294 grandparents in the City of Sacramento are caring for their grandchildren. These foster grandparents are not only inspirations to their grandchildren, they demonstrate a true commitment to our community.

The Department of Parks and Recreation's **Wisdom In Action Youth Program** (WIAYP) invites the media to attend an ***Evening of Elegance***, a special event that recognizes the contributions of this city's foster grandparents. The entire event is being planned and hosted by youth and will take place at **Hagginwood Community Center** on **Tuesday, December 18th**, from **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

WIAYP is funded through the Workforce Investment Act. The program provides economically disadvantaged teens a semester-long, life-skills and work-readiness experience. Components of the experience include skills training, leadership development, paid internships, and community service.

The *Evening of Elegance* is just one of many WIAYP initiatives that positively impact the community. Past initiatives include the beautification of Florin Road and volunteering at local homeless shelters. The *Evening of Elegance* will feature elegant décor, live entertainment, and a four-course meal. Best of all, on-site childcare services will be available.

WIAYP volunteers raised over \$1,300 in donations to make the *Evening of Elegance* possible. The event is also being supported by Councilmember Sandy Sheedy and the Charles A. Jones Skills Center Culinary Arts Program.

Details

Event: ***Evening of Elegance***
Date: Tuesday, December 18th
Time: 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Location: Hagginwood Community Center, 3271 Marysville Blvd.

Media-related inquires can be forwarded to Hindolo Brima, Media and Communications Specialist, Department of Parks and Recreation, (916) 808-5972.

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