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**San Joaquin Valley women to be honored at 14th Annual Common Threads Awards Program**

Six women representing Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced and Tulare counties have been selected as the 2010 honorees for the Common Threads Award, which recognizes women from the San Joaquin Valley for their agricultural, philanthropic and community service.

The Common Threads Award recipients for 2010 are: **Barbara Bigelow**, Madera (Madera County); **Robin Rogers-Dale**, Reedley (Fresno County); **Judy Walt Jameson**, Tulare (Tulare County); **Sue Lafferty**, Hanford (Kings County); **Jean Okuye**, Livingston (Merced County); and **Susie Snedden**, Maricopa (Kern County).

These six Valley women have strong agricultural backgrounds and are active participants in their counties through philanthropic endeavors and community service.

The honorees will be recognized at a special luncheon on Friday, April 16 at the University Courtyard Dining Hall at California State University, Fresno. An educational workshop on education, community gardens and philanthropy will kick off the morning's events in the University's Henry Madden Library.

The 14th Annual Common Threads luncheon will begin at 11:15 a.m. and will feature award-winning Fresno State wines, a raffle and the Common Threads Award presentation. Tickets are \$35 prior to April 9; \$50 per person after the deadline. Space is limited. Net proceeds raised from the luncheon go to the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation (Ag Leadership), Ag One Foundation and charities of the honorees' choice.

Common Threads is a collaborative effort of Ag Leadership, California State University, Fresno's Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, and Fresno State's Ag One Foundation. For ticket information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Nicole Bell at Ag Leadership, (916) 928-2249; or Christy Melvold at Ag One, (559) 278-4266.

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