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West Contra Costa Public Education Fund Welcomes New Executive Director

Richmond, CA (February 28, 2011) --- West Contra Costa Public Education Fund (The Ed. Fund), the non-profit organization supporting West Contra Costa public school teachers and students, today announces that West Contra Costa resident Joel Mackey will serve as its new Executive Director.

Joel Mackey brings a wealth of experience to The Ed. Fund. He has most recently served the Bay Area non-profit community as legal and policy analyst for Making Waves and as executive director for Harbor House Ministries and Habitat for Humanity, East Bay. Mackey looks forward to making a positive difference in the lives of young people across West Contra Costa through his work with The Ed. Fund, commenting, "Education matters. Recognizing the range of challenges our children face, and how a strong education can make a marked difference in the options afforded them, it is inspiring to be part of The Ed. Fund's ongoing work to further educational opportunities and excellence in our schools."

The Ed. Fund executive board president, Mike Montoya, notes, "We look forward to this next chapter of The Ed. Fund with Joel leading our team. We are pleased that he is joining us in our work to brighten the future of West Contra Costa youth through educational opportunities. There is much work to be done, and Joel is well suited to play a key role in ensuring that we carry out the mission of the Ed. Fund."

In addition to his wealth of experience, Mackey brings a passion for education to his new position, "The importance of educating our youth is not to be taken lightly, and I am thrilled to be a part of an organization devoted to supporting the education of generations of children."

About Joel Mackey

Joel Mackey now serves as executive director of the West Contra Costa Public Education Fund. His previous work in the non-profit sector includes executive director positions at Harbor House, East Bay and Habitat for Humanity. He has served on the board of many nonprofit organizations including, East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, the Family Independence Initiative, the Alameda County Associated Community Action Program, the Berkeley Emergency Food and Housing Project, the People's Credit Union, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, and the Homeless Action Center. A practicing attorney, Mackey is a part-time faculty member with San Francisco State University and California State University, East Bay.

About The West Contra Costa Public Education Fund (The Ed. Fund)

Founded in 1983, The Ed. Fund is a non-profit public education fund dedicated to inspiring student achievement, encouraging commitment to lifelong learning, honoring and supporting teachers, and building community partnerships committed to public education in West Contra Costa County. For more information call (510) 233-1464 or visit www.edfundwest.org.

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