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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom Recognizes Long-time Donor at 30th Anniversary Event

SACRAMENTO, CA- Barbara Johnson of Placer County will be honored for her long-time commitment to agricultural education, as part of the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom's 30th anniversary celebration. This milestone will be marked with a dinner on Friday, April 22 at the historic Hand-Hand Nursery in Loomis, California.

The Foundation's mission is to increase awareness and understanding of agriculture among educators and students. Over the past thirty years, the organization has equipped educators and students with resources to teach and discover where food comes from and the science involved in ensuring a safe and stable food supply. "Long-time donors like Barbara Johnson and her late husband, Cliff have helped make this possible with their generosity," said Executive Director Judy Culbertson.

"Barbara Johnson has been a supporter since the beginning. We enjoy and appreciate Barbara's passion for agricultural education. With more than seven million students in California, it is important these children grow up with an understanding of agriculture's contributions to our society and recognize their daily connection to products grown in our state. It's friends like Barbara who make a difference in the lives of students," Culbertson said.

Since 1986, the Foundation has served as a resource for educators and their students and as an advocate for farming and ranching families. The organization provides free, high-quality, teacher-tested, standards-based, current and accurate materials, and valuable training opportunities, promoting the integration of agricultural education into K-12 classrooms and after-school programs. In its 30-year history, the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom has touched the lives of more than 15 million students.

The special event at High-Hand Nursery will serve as an opportunity for long-time supporters and new donors to celebrate the Foundation's 30-year anniversary and to look ahead to the future. The event will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22 at the High-Hand Nursery in Loomis, California, and will include a silent auction and performance by fine artist Kyle Lawson. Visit <http://www.learnaboutag.org/30years/> for sponsorship and ticket information or contact Lyn Hyatt at (916) 561-5625.

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CFAITC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works with K-12 grade-level teachers, students and community leaders, to enhance education using agricultural examples. The organization's mission is to increase awareness and understanding of agriculture among California's educators and students. The ultimate vision is an appreciation of agriculture by all.