Sierra Pacific Industries Foundation donates \$2,500 to Calaveras Community Foundation

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Mark Luster, community relations manager for Sierra Pacific Industries said, "The Sierra Pacific Industries Foundation is focused on being a good neighbor in the communities where we have operations and timberland. We are devoted to many worthwhile causes ranging from community outreach projects to youth activities and a host of other programs. We are pleased to be able to work with the Calaveras Community Foundation toward our common goal of improving the quality of life in Calaveras County."

CCF is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2010. Financial supporters like SPI and others have made it possible for the foundation to distribute nearly \$250,000 in grants and scholarships since 2000

Luster presented the donation check to CCF President Brent Harrington and Director Paul Stein. "Donations like this help the foundation expand its annual grant program, which provides financial support to grassroots community programs in Calaveras County," said Harrington. "We look forward to partnering with SPI as we both strive to assist nonprofit groups and others that desperately need financial help."

According to Stein, the foundation expects to soon announce its recipients for its 2010 grant cycle. "There were 33 applications for funding during this grant period," he noted. "This clearly indicates the need we are filling in supporting local grassroots programs. Some of our most recent grant recipients have been Mother Lode Friends of Music, WATCH Resources, Calaveras Arts Council, Mountain Ranch Youth Alliance, The Resource Connection and Copperopolis Community Center."

For more information about CCF, contact Brent Harrington at 736-1845 or e-mail info@calaverascommunity-foundation.org.



Calaveras Community Foundation Director Paul Stein, left, receives the 2010 donation from Sierra Pacific Industries Community Relations Manager, Mark Luster. PHOTO COURTESY TO THE LEDGER DISPATCH