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Dear Friends of Betty Ferguson Foundation,

Betty Ferguson Foundation will be hosting their ninth *Woman of Honor Dinner on September 11, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency in Valencia.* The Woman of Honor award is given to a woman who has a history of philanthropy and service to the community.

This year the honor is bestowed upon *Jacquie Petersen*, in appreciation and recognition of her service as a philanthropist and visionary within our community. Her achievements have provided an unparalleled example for women throughout the Santa Clarita Valley, and beyond. Her dedication, hard work, and tireless effort to bring high quality opportunities to Santa Clarita Valley residents are remarkable and we are very pleased to be honoring her. Our past recipients have been **Cheri Fleming, Roberta Veloz, Marlee Lauffer, Dianne White Crawford, Debbie Reynolds, Ruta Lee, Linda Hafizi, Elizabeth Hopp, Liz Seipel and Dr. Dianne Van Hook.**

Betty Ferguson Foundation is a progressive non-profit foundation committed to keeping women and youth strong, motivated and independent. Their mission statement is, *“To Train, Develop and Empower Women and Youth to be a Vital Force in Society,”* and the key to the foundation is that “Education is power; and learning continues throughout our lives and affects everything we do.” Our programs for women of all ages and girls from 5th grade through high school focus on mentoring, volunteering, training in life skills, encouragement & connection, supporting transitions, and workshops. In 2005 we established a \$100,000.00 Scholarship Endowment at College of the Canyons through which monies are awarded to local women and young girls.

We are asking for your support of this prestigious event by donating to our auction. The support of our donors helps make this evening a financial success. Your participation is greatly valued and your company’s name will be acknowledged in our program book.

It is best that we receive your auction item no later than **August 19, 2010.**

Sincerely,

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