

NEWS RELEASE

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**AT&T Foundation to Help With New Website for Weed & Seed Project**

MODESTO, CA- Paradise South Weed & Seed, a fund of the Stanislaus Community Foundation, has been awarded a grant from the AT&T Foundation to assist in creating a new website.

The Paradise South website, which is anticipated to be available by November 2006, will be an information rich website that includes program and activity information, crime prevention information, links to Weed & Seed partner agencies, progress reports, and web-based data collection. The website's purpose is to create yet another way for the partners of Weed & Seed to share information.

"There is an important need for information sharing among Paradise South partners and the residents who live in that area" said Cindy Rhea, Director of the Paradise South Weed & Seed Program. She said, "Open communication is what will make our efforts successful."

Rhea said Paradise South applied for the grant in July 2006 through the Stanislaus Community Foundation and was awarded the funds last week. Work has already started on creating the website, which will be located at [www.Paradise-South.com](http://www.Paradise-South.com).

Paradise South Weed & Seed consist of 45 partners including Stanislaus County, City of Modesto, area businesses, state and federal agencies, as well as many non-profit organizations and area residents. The goal of this partnership is to "Weed" out criminal elements in the community and "Seed" the area with prevention, intervention and treatment programs designed to meet the needs of the community. Rhea stated, "Our first goal is communication and advertising. This website will bring us one step closer to achieving all of our goals."

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