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Cal Poly Chapter of Wheelchair Foundation Kicks Off 2007 Fund-raising Campaign

Chapter Hosts 1st Annual Tennis Tournament and Annual Movie Night

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly Chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation will kick-off this year’s fund-raising effort with a tennis tournament that will host singles, doubles and mixed doubles matches for both men and women Friday, Oct. 20 - Sunday, Oct. 22 at the Cal Poly tennis courts.

Players must be at least 18 years of age. The cost is $25 for singles players and $40 for a doubles team. Cal Poly students will receive $5 off the entry fee. There will be separate divisions for beginning players and advanced players and the tournament will be single elimination.

The event is sponsored by Tennis Warehouse, which is donating equipment and tennis balls for the event. A top-of-the-line tennis racquet has also been donated and will be raffled off at the event. Sign-ups have already begun and will be accepted until Oct. 13.

Other fund-raising events include a showing of “Beetlejuice” on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Freemont Theatre in downtown San Luis Obispo. Tickets are $5, and the event is open to the public.

This year the chapter hopes to raise $66,000 to send more than 800 wheelchairs to children and adults in Argentina. Several events are planned between now and April 14, when the chapter will host the Gift of Mobility Benefit, a gala dinner with live and silent auctions at The Cliffs Resort in Pismo Beach.

Last year the group raised approximately $66,000 to distribute wheelchairs to children and adults in Belize. In August, chapter advisor and Marketing Professor Lynn Metcalf, along with six chapter alumni, went to Belize to deliver the wheelchairs.

The Cal Poly group is also accepting individual donations. A $75 donation sends a wheelchair to someone in need in Argentina.

For additional information about the Wheelchair Foundation, Cal Poly Chapter 2006-2007 fundraising events or to make a donation, e-mail calpoly@wheelchairfoundation.org.

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