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Cal Poly Business Students to Host Fifth Annual 'Gift of Mobility' Benefit April 1

SAN LUIS OBISPO - The Cal Poly student chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation will host its fifth annual fund-raiser, "The Gift of Mobility," at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 1, at The Cliffs Resort in Pismo Beach .

The event will feature dinner and live and silent auctions. Auction items have been donated by several local businesses throughout San Luis Obispo County . Some of this year's auction items are a stay at a New York cabin including airfare, a one-week stay at a three bedroom, two bathroom cabin in Tahoe , Nev. , and a private tour of Hearst Castle for six people.

Proceeds will help Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation team members meet their fundraising goal of \$44,000. At a cost of \$75 per wheelchair, the money raised will allow the students to order, purchase and deliver 560 new wheelchairs for the under-served in Belize .

"We want our guests to understand that by attending this event, they have provided mobility for Belize 's under-served," said Katie Klunker, MarComm Manager.

"I am feel extremely lucky to have been given an opportunity to make a difference and change the lives of many for the better," said Andrea Baza, sales manager.

Tickets for "Gift of Mobility" are \$75. For those unable to attend the event, cash donations will be accepted. All donors contributing \$75 or more will receive a photo and brief history of the child receiving their gift. Donated items for the auction are also needed. All donations are tax-deductible.

For event information or to purchase tickets, contact the Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation at calpoly@wheelchairfoundation.org or call (805) 756-2010.

This year's Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation team includes: Andrea Baza, Vista ; Krista Couch, Huntington Beach ; Dana DiPasquale, Renton, WA ; Brittany Fletcher, Newbury Park ; Kristen Hunt, Pleasanton ; Katie Klunker, Roseville ; Katie LaFollette, Pleasanton ; Kristen Larson, Monrovia ; Aaron Mendelovitz, Tarzana ; Jaime Ransom, Spring Valley ; Molly Roberts, Torrance ; Kenny Smestad, San Jose ; Jennifer Taber, Shingle Springs ; Marjorie Taylor, San Jose ; Scott West, Burlingame .

The Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation

The Cal Poly Chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation began in April 2001 as a way for students to apply their educational experiences to beneficial causes. Over the past four years, Cal Poly students have raised \$98,000 and sent a total of 1,280 wheelchairs to people in need in Peru , Ethiopia , Thailand and Guatemala . For more information visit www.cob.calpoly.edu/hot/wheelchair05/.

The Wheelchair Foundation

The Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization leading an international effort to deliver a wheelchair to every adult, teen and child in the world who needs a wheelchair, but cannot afford one. The gift of a wheelchair allows people with physical disabilities freedom, self-reliance, mobility and hope. For additional information go to www.wheelchairfoundation.org.

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