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6Y Label Artwork Collaboration Benefits Healdsburg Education Fund

Healdsburg, CA., September 28, 2011. What started as collaboration on the design of a new wine label between 6Y and local Healdsburg artist Barbara Van Wollner, resulted in a generous donation to Healdsburg Education Fund (HEF). HEF preserves arts enrichment programs in Healdsburg's public schools, such as Fine Arts, Athletics, Music, Library and Student Support Services; programs essential to a well-balanced education. Van Wollner, commissioned by Topel Winery to create labels for the new 6Y, requested a donation be made in her name to HEF instead of being paid for the artwork. The Topel's agreed, and upped the ante believing in the necessity of bringing art and culture back into our schools.

"As a former ballet dancer and pastry chef, the arts have always been an integral part of my life," says Donnis Topel, co-owner of Topel Winery. Both Donnis and her husband Mark are great supporters of the arts and are very involved in the community as ongoing supporters of the Healdsburg Jazz Festival, as well as of the Healdsburg Animal Shelter.

6Y is a new handcrafted organic wine that offers serious and delicious affordable wines that can be purchased in Healdsburg at Shelton's Natural Foods and Big John's Market. Van Wollner's paintings can be viewed and purchased in local Healdsburg galleries.



About 6Y

6Y creates handcrafted organic wines, with the 2009 vintage comprised of Napa Valley grapes. Serious and delicious, these affordable wines are perfect for sharing with family and friends paired with your favorite foods, from simple grilled meats and vegetables, to more elaborate meals to complement the complexity of flavors. 6Y is a passionate blend of organically grown Cabernet Sauvignon 60%; Merlot 20%; Syrah Noir 15% and Petit Verdot 5%. Spring into fall with this scrumptious, affordable new wine.

About HEF

Better Schools, Brighter Future

Founded by concerned parents, business and education leaders, the Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) raises funds to ensure all of our students have access to excellent K-12 grade education. HEF brings our schools and generous community together to invest in essential education programs, including – art, science, music, libraries, drama, technology, nutrition, agriculture, counseling, and vocational education. Community funding through HEF has become an integral part of the Healdsburg Unified School District's funding. This year, in response to state budget cuts and a decline in anticipated property tax revenue HEF seeks to raise \$750,000 to help support these critical programs.

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