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“Vision for Our Valley” is the theme of a public education meeting on April 13 by the Ojai Valley Women’s Fund



(Ojai, CA – March 21, 2023) Each week we read news stories about Ojai and its quest for a future direction. There are many sides and even more opinions. One topic not often discussed is how to continue support for the many vital nonprofits providing services and education throughout the valley.

The Ojai Women’s Fund is holding a special free event, “Vision for Our Valley,” that will address this key element in the continued growth of our community. The public is welcome to hear Vanessa Bechtel, President & CEO, Calleen Pardinas, Philanthropic Services Officer & Board Liaison for the Ventura County Community Foundation, and Ojai’s legendary philanthropist Joan Kemper discuss how we must start

now to ensure the future. The program will take place on April 13 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Sane Living, 316 E Matilija Street in Ojai. Joann Yabrof and Jenny Taft, co-

chairs of OWF's Education Committee, will host the evening's event, which includes light refreshments, wine, and beverages.

"We are all aware of the myriad of problems we face in society," said Joann Yabrof. "This event is a solution-focused exploration of how we can make a positive difference in our community. As Mary Bethune noted, 'Enter to learn, depart to serve.'"

Ms. Bechtel and Ms. Pardinias will present an overview of the needs in the community and what is happening in the county for nonprofits. They will offer suggestions for how to be part of the solution. Ms. Kemper, whose nonprofit participation has helped many Ojai nonprofits, will discuss philanthropy in her life.

"We hope to leave people inspired to do whatever they can, where they are, with what they have, to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community," said Jenny Taft. Everyone is welcome. However, seating is limited. You may RSVP at OjaiWomensFund2.org or call Jenny Taft at [805-701-2049](tel:805-701-2049).

Calendar Information

Vision for Our Valley

Presented by the Ojai Women's Fund

April 13 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Sane Living, 316 E Matilija Street in Ojai.

This event is free, but with limited seating, we request people RSVP

OjaiWomensFund2.org.

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