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ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions Honors Central Valley Business Leader Tim Rios

Fresno, CA - ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions (CCCS) is recognizing Central Valley resident and business leader Tim Rios with the Petzall Community Service Award. This award spotlights Mr. Rios' efforts to assist in the promotion of ClearPoint's mission of consumer health through financial education.

Mr Rios is a strong advocate for financial literacy education through his work as a Senior Vice President with Wells Fargo (WFC), and his own personal work in the community. He has used his unique perspective to provide opportunities for non-profit agencies to enhance the educational value of banking services. ClearPoint has been involved in a number of these innovative Wells Fargo projects, thanks to the advocacy of Mr. Rios. These include employer-based financial education, rural community outreach, Hispanic market media initiatives and distressed homeowner outreach. Mr. Rios has also been supportive of ClearPoint's innovative projects including Financial Firsts, ClearPoint's outreach in the Hispanic community, and counseling designed to preserve home ownership. Tim stepped forward to publicly pledge Wells Fargo's support for default counseling capacity and challenged others to do the same at 2007 Federal Reserve Bank Roundtable on foreclosure trends.

The Petzall Community Service Award is presented annually to individuals who advocate independently for ClearPoint's mission of consumer health through financial education. The award's namesake, Gerhard J. Petzall, has been a distinguished member of the legal profession and a military veteran. Mr. Petzall has also served on ClearPoint's Board of Directors for over 31 years. To commemorate this inaugural presentation of the Gerhard J Petzall Award, a video about the nomination and contributions of Tim Rios is available for viewing online.

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