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## Carlos Vieira Foundation Extends Grant Program for Kids with Autism into More Local Counties

Livingston, Ca. March 7, 2013 - The Carlos Vieira Foundation is proud to announce that it has expanded its grant program to help families with autism into two more counties. Families that are in the counties of Mariposa and Tuolumne will now be eligible to apply for a grant up to \$500 through the foundation that provides an item or service that directly helps their child with autism.

These two new counties will join with Merced, Stanislaus and Madera as the now five counties that can apply for the Direct Help Program for families living with autism. Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, Team 51 FIFTY and the wonderful people who support their fundraisers that are held throughout the year, the Carlos Vieira Foundation (CVF) continues to expand their efforts to help families in need throughout the valley. Their goal is to be in the San Joaquin and Fresno counties by the end of the year.

CVF frequently holds fundraisers throughout the year to help families living with Autism and to help kids stay away from drugs and gang life. They have also recently started several successful after-school boxing programs to help kids stay off the streets. CVF would like to thank the community for all their support and hope that the community continues to help their foundation. For more information about CVF Direct Help Grants and all their events please go to www.carlosvieirafoundation.org.