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### **Youth Programs in Mission District & Visitacion Valley Win First-Ever Rosenberg Awards for Excellence in Youth Service**

Team-Up for Youth™ today named Real Options for Kids (ROCK) in Visitacion Valley and Jamestown Community Center in the Mission District of San Francisco as the first-ever recipients of the Louise & Claude Rosenberg Awards for Excellence in Youth Service. The awards, each of which carries a \$25,000 grant, will be given to two San Francisco sports-based youth development programs by Team-Up for Youth, an Oakland-based agency that supports sports programs that help low-income youth thrive.

ROCK is dedicated to nurturing the positive development and long-term success of the youth it serves through a combination of in-school and after-school learning enrichment, sports and fitness, leadership training, outdoor adventure, and summer camp opportunities. Its programs serve girls and boys ages 6 – 17 who live or attend school in Visitacion Valley.

The Jamestown Community Center provides 500 Mission District kids each year with the opportunity to learn, play and grow through a range of after-school and summer programs – from art to theater, dance to soccer, and youth leadership to academic tutoring. Because of Jamestown, kids in this low-income neighborhood have reaped the benefits of participation in sports, increasing their emotional, social, and physical health.

“These two programs have an extraordinary record of creating inspirational experiences for disadvantaged youth, invigorating the families they serve and enriching their communities,” said Team-Up for Youth Executive Director Janet Carter. “Both serve girls as well as boys, and have become invaluable pillars of their communities. We are so proud to give the Jamestown Community Center and Real Options for Kids the first-ever Rosenberg awards, and to support their sustainability through the grants it provides.”

Team-Up for Youth provides coaches to both agencies through its flagship Coaching Corps™ program, through which it partners with colleges and universities, volunteer centers, and after-school programs to recruit, train and place college students and community members in youth sports programs. Since 2002, Team-Up for Youth has also provided technical expertise, training, and resources to both organizations to sustain their programs and encourage growth.

“We are honored to have been chosen for this award, in particular because it recognizes the hard work of our staff members and the value we place on providing Mission District kids with a wide range of programs that promote their positive and healthy development,” said Jamestown Community Center Executive Director Claudia Jasin. “We applaud the Rosenbergs for their on-going commitment to San Francisco youth and families, and we are grateful to Team-Up for Youth for the many ways it has helped us improve our youth development work through sports.”

“We are delighted that Team-Up for Youth is recognizing Real Options for Kids in this way,” said its Executive Director, Curt Yagi. “It is quite an honor, especially given the many organizations that are doing extraordinary sports-based youth development work in the Bay Area. This award will allow us to reach even more youth, which is especially important during these tough economic times. The prestige this honor brings gives our entire agency a boost. We are tremendously grateful for this honor.”

The Louise and Claude Rosenberg Awards honor the family's longtime commitment to improving the lives of disadvantaged youth and their families in San Francisco. Their support of positive youth development programs has provided countless young people with mentors, educational opportunities, and safe places to go after school.

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*Team-Up for Youth helps to create after-school sports opportunities for disadvantaged girls and boys that build their confidence and skills, connect them to mentors and improve their prospects in school and in life. More information is available at [www.teamupforyouth.org](http://www.teamupforyouth.org).*