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Archstone Foundation Awards California Senior Fall Prevention Projects

Long Beach, California, April 28, 2006 – The Board of Directors of the Archstone Foundation, a grantmaking foundation committed to preparing society for the growing needs of an aging population, announced the approval of 11 grants under the California Senior Fall Prevention Projects, totaling \$364,822 over eighteen months. Grants were approved during the Board's quarterly meeting in March.

In 2003, the Archstone Foundation brought together key stakeholder groups throughout California to begin a strategic planning process for the prevention of falls among older adults. In response to participants' recommendations, the Archstone Foundation provided funding to establish the Fall Prevention Center of Excellence as a coordinating body for fall prevention activities across the State. For more information on the Fall Prevention Center of Excellence, please visit www.stopfalls.org.

The Archstone Foundation and the Fall Prevention Center of Excellence are now collaborating through the California Senior Fall Prevention Projects to help communities build their capacity to address falls in the elderly and deliver integrated fall prevention services that allow seniors to continue to live vital, independent lives. Jon Pynoos, Ph.D., Co-Director of the Fall Prevention Center of Excellence said, "The Archstone Foundation awards are an important step in raising awareness about ways to prevent falls and building an infrastructure of programs across the state that can address this serious problem." Awarded projects include coalition development and program expansion. The Fall Prevention Center of Excellence will provide technical support and project evaluation assistance to grantees.

Grants awarded under the California Senior Fall Prevention Projects include:

Coalition Development

- **County of Santa Barbara, Adult and Aging Network**, Santa Barbara, CA (\$25,000): An eighteen-month grant to support the development of a Fall Prevention Task Force.
- **Area Agency on Aging, Napa and Solano Counties**, Vallejo, CA (\$25,000): An eighteen-month grant to support the development of the Napa Valley Fall Prevention Coalition to address fall prevention needs for at-risk, underserved older adults.
- **Caring Choices**, Oroville, CA (\$25,000): An eighteen-month grant to support the development of the Northern California Fall Prevention Coalition.
- **Nevada County Human Services Agency**, Nevada City, CA (\$25,000): An eighteen-month grant to support the development of the Nevada County Fall Prevention Coalition.
- **Rebuilding Together, Orange County**, Tustin, CA (\$25,000): An eighteen-month grant to support the development of the Down with Falls Coalition for Orange County.

Program Expansion

- **Adult Day Services of Orange County**, Huntington Beach, CA (\$40,000): An eighteen-month grant to support fall prevention activities in Adult Day Health Care settings.
- **Area 1 Agency on Aging**, Eureka, CA (\$39,978): An eighteen-month grant to support the expansion of the STRONG program, a strength training curriculum.
- **Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, CA (\$40,000): An eighteen-month grant to support a multi-factorial Fall Prevention Program to reduce the risk of falls among older adults.
- **ONEgeneration**, Van Nuys, CA (\$40,000): An eighteen-month grant to support the integration of a comprehensive Fall Prevention Plan into an existing care management program.
- **Saint Mary Medical Center Foundation**, Long Beach, CA (\$39,844): An eighteen-month grant to support the expansion of a current fall prevention activities into a coordinated, comprehensive Seniors Fall Prevention Program.
- **San Francisco Adult Day Services Network**, San Francisco, CA (\$40,000): An eighteen-month grant to support the expansion of a current fall prevention program that will examine the effectiveness of the clinical care guidelines for fall prevention.

A complete list of Archstone Foundation grantees and additional information may be found at www.archstone.org.

Archstone Foundation is a private grantmaking organization whose mission is to contribute toward the preparation of society in meeting the needs of an aging population. Under the leadership of Joseph F. Prevratil, J.D., president and CEO, the Archstone Foundation has awarded more than \$65 million in grants since it was established in 1986. The Foundation's funding priorities include fall prevention, elder abuse and neglect, end-of-life issues, and responsive grantmaking to address emerging issues within the aging population. In fiscal year 2006, Archstone Foundation has awarded 54 new grants, totaling over \$5 million in support of its mission.