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GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER PROCLAIMS JANUARY 2008 AS MENTORING MONTH

Sacramento – Governor Schwarzenegger proclaimed January 2008 as “Mentoring Month”, CaliforniaVolunteers announced today.

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

Maria Shriver
Honorary Chair

Karen Baker
Executive Director

“In my own life, I was blessed to be mentored by wise and incredibly hard-working individuals,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “From growing up in Austria to starting a new life in America, I had role models who helped me achieve my goals.”

Research has shown that mentors can play a powerful role in academic achievement and mentored youth are less likely to be involved with gangs, violence, teen pregnancy, alcohol and drug use.

“It is my hope that every child in California can be guided by mentors who can bring out the best in them,” noted Governor Schwarzenegger. “To that end, I encourage all Californians to mentor youth by sharing their talents and experiences.”

“I extend my deepest gratitude to every Californian who mentors youth,” said Karen Baker, executive director of CaliforniaVolunteers. “California’s kids are one of our greatest resources and should be given every opportunity to succeed.”

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CaliforniaVolunteers is the state agency that manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering. Through the innovative Web site, CaliforniaVolunteers.org, individuals and families can search for volunteer opportunities throughout the state that match their interests. Today there are nearly 30,000 opportunities involving the arts, education, animals, disaster preparedness, the environment and other areas of interest.

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