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Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation Receives Four Year Grant Support for Children with Respiratory Illnesses from The Patricia Henley Foundation

December 24, 2008 -- The Patricia Henley Foundation of Santa Barbara, CA has made a four-year \$20,000 commitment of financial support to the Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation in support of children with respiratory conditions whose families qualify for ASRL's assistance

Youth served by the Patricia Henley Foundation also will be create art for the award winners of the Andre Sobel Award, a national contest that recognizes the voices of pediatric cancer survivors and presents them with cash awards. Patricia Henley, founder of the group bearing her name, has committed to personal participation in securing donated chemotherapy and other treatments for River of Life children. Together, these organizations are finding creative, effective ways to care for children, and help them care for each other.

The Patricia Henley Foundation provides visual and performing arts programs to serve youth disadvantaged by illness, poverty, or other circumstances which can marginalize a young person's ability to be heard by, and participate in, their community. The Henley Foundation inspires the voice of youth through the creative arts, and empowers youth to use their voices positively.

"When compassion can't wait and single parent families are in despair, we pay urgent expenses to allow these caregivers to remain at the bedside of their catastrophically ill

children” is the mission statement of the Andre Sobel Foundation. Since 2000, ASRL has provided 9,800 family members with program assistance totaling \$3.7 million.