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**Kendall-Jackson Supports The School Garden Network With
Proceeds From Their Heirloom Tomato Festival**

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Santa Rosa, California – The School Garden Network of Sonoma County announces that it has been awarded \$10,000 from the proceeds of the Kendall Jackson Winery's Twelfth Annual Heirloom Tomato Festival.

The School Garden Network (SGN), a non-profit organization, is a collaboration of garden program coordinators, teachers, parent volunteers and community partners. SGN supports and promotes sustainable garden- and nutrition-based learning programs in Sonoma County schools, connects school communities with fresh, locally grown foods, and provides a forum for exchanging information and resources. Since 2003, SGN has directly supported 21 schools in six towns throughout Sonoma County.

The Kendall Jackson Festival celebrates more than 170 varieties of heirloom tomatoes picked fresh from the wineries own Culinary Gardens. The Festival has always benefited school garden programs and since 2004, a portion of the proceeds from the Festival have been donated to the School Garden Network, enabling SGN to support instructional school garden projects in Sonoma County.

SGN's programs include: the Garden Educator Grant program, which support two to four local schools annually by providing funds and mentoring for a garden coordinator, Salad Bar and cooking from the Garden grants which introduce fresh from the garden produce into the cafeteria, workshops, seed and plant donations to schools, and a program, and a listserv and website for networking and information.

More info on the School Garden Network can be found at www.schoolgardens.org or 874-1557 ext.223