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**Roger Knopf Cited to Receive  
Inaugural *Leadership Excellence Award***

*Leadership Morgan Hill Recognizes Business Leader*

Morgan Hill, CA. April 29, 2003 – Leadership Morgan Hill announced today that local businessman Roger Knopf has been named the inaugural recipient of the 2003 *Leadership Excellence Award*. In announcing the award, spokesperson and City Councilman Steve Tate, cited Knopf's tireless efforts in advancing, and in many cases launching, wide-reaching community institutions, foundations and businesses.

“Roger Knopf embodies every characteristic of a good leader,” Tate said. “He’s benevolent, wise, driven and a great communicator. But first and foremost, he inspires others to lead. For that alone he was a unanimous choice to receive this inaugural award.”

Knopf, a San Jose native, is the founder and president of Knopf Construction.

In addition to the scores of commissions and civic committees upon which he sits, or chairs, he is a founding director and Past Chairman of the Board for the South Valley

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National Bank; Chairman, Board of Directors, San Jose Medical Center and Regional Medical Center of San Jose; Past President of Morgan Hill Rotary (1980-81); Morgan Hill Citizen of the Year (1989) and Past Chairman of the Board, Colombia Good Samaritan Health System.

The *Leadership Excellence Award* was established to recognize an individual or individuals whose vision and leadership advance the spirit of community and charity; reflect courage and insight; and inspire others to lead in a like manner. The award may cite a singular outstanding moment that manifests clear and defined leadership skills or it may memorialize a prolonged tenure of continuous and meritorious leadership activities – as is the case with Roger Knopf.

Leadership Morgan Hill, organized in 1995, provides educational opportunities and experiences for citizens and employees in the public, private and non-profit sectors, who will become future leaders. Its mission is to provide insight and tools that enable and inspire its graduates to give back to the community through service. To date, more than 130 students have graduated from the annual, nine-month program and many now hold seats of great influence in the community. These seats Leadership include such top tier positions as city council, city manager, public and nonprofit boards, as well as scores of local business executives.

Knopf will officially receive his award at an August 2 Tribute Dinner and Benefit to be held at Corde Valle. For more information regarding the \$125 per-person dinner and tribute, contact Leadership Morgan Hill at 408-782-1008.

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