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**CONGRESSMAN MCCARTHY TO BE GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Fundraiser to Expand Mentoring and Education Programs**

BAKERSFIELD, CA, November 3, 2009 – **Congressman Kevin McCarthy** will be the guest speaker at an event to expand the mentoring and education programs of **Garden Pathways**. The “Garden Party” fundraiser will take place on **Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m.** (preceded by a reception at 6:30) at The Garden, located at 900 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Entertainment will feature **American Idol’s Amy Adams**, as well as salsa dancing and the Tea Rose String Trio.

Proceeds from the “Garden Party” will help to expand the classroom facilities of Garden Pathways and increase mentoring and education services to the local community. Garden Pathways transitions families from poverty and at-risk conditions to educational advancement and self-sufficiency. Participants include youth and families impacted by gang violence, families in welfare-to-work and child protective services programs, emancipating and emancipated foster youth, pregnant and parenting youth, truant youth, and other at-risk youth. Through the arts, Garden Pathways’ mentoring and education programs also serve a broad spectrum of children and youth of all ages. Attendees will hear how the power of mentoring has transformed lives.

The “Garden Party” is being co-hosted by Mark and Cathy Abernathy, Ray and Joan Dezember, and Ray and Marlene Watson. The event is open to the public. Table sponsorships are available; individual tickets are \$75. For information about sponsorships or tickets, contact Catherine Ontiveros, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (661) 633-9133 or [catherineo@gardenpathways.org](mailto:catherineo@gardenpathways.org).

**WHAT:** “Garden Party” fundraiser for Garden Pathways with Congressman Kevin McCarthy and American Idol’s Amy Adams

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 12, 2009  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Reception  
7:30-9:00 p.m. Dinner and entertainment

**WHERE:** The Garden  
900 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (entrance on P Street between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets)  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

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