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Benefit Telethon Set Tuesday At The Grove

More than 50 local entertainers and groups will take part in a live Telethon to benefit the Santa Cruz Countywide Citizens Disaster Relief Committee Tuesday, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Cocoanut Grove.

The KSBW Channel production will feature the "Action 8" news team as hosts with Bill Murphy as the main master of ceremonies. The goal of the event is to raise \$110,000 in order to bring the grand total of local contributions to victims of Santa 'Cruz County's January storm to \$1 million.

Joe Sharino, Joe Richie, Miss California, Debbie Maffett; and Charlie the Robot (from "Mork And Mindy") are among the headliners of the "absolutely live" event. The Telethon, which continues until 2 a.m., also marks the debut performance of the Cocoanut Grove Orchestra.

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During the telecast the Cocoanut Grove will be open to the public for a \$1 donation and a fishbowl will be on the premises for additional contributions. The fund-raising event is being produced by KSBW in cooperation with the Seaside Co. and the Countywide Disaster Relief Committee