

1982 disaster relief effort officially over

SANTA CRUZ — The Countywide Citizens Disaster Relief Committee, set up to aid victims of the Storm of '82, has officially closed its books.

But that doesn't mean there's no place to donate to help victims of this year's disastrous storms. In place of the committee, the Greater Santa Cruz County Community Foundation has been set up to continue disaster relief efforts.

Committee Chairperson Al Castagnola announced to county supervisors this morning the official end to the 1982 relief effort. He said it took this long to disband the committee simply because of the mammoth bookwork caused by over \$1 million in donations.

In closing its books, the committee turned over its remaining \$6,370.63 to the foundation. Castagnola urged citizens who still wish to donate to send their money to the foundation.

Donations can be sent to the Santa Cruz County Community Foundation, 331 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, 95062. Somewhere on the check it should be stated the money is for disaster relief.

In addition to funding all the approved applications for aid that came to the committee, the group also was able to give \$13,000 to the World Council of Churches last summer to help storm victims.

"It has truly been a pleasure to work with you and the Santa Cruz community in this endeavor," Castagnola told supervisors. "We applaud the sensitivity of the county government's response to the devastating winter of 1982 and the planning done to meet challenges brought by the 1983 storms.

"We hope you will continue to use governmental employees wisely when disasters occur, plan ahead carefully and define clearly the disaster-related roles of those trained in providing human services. We also urge more public contingency planning for emergency funds to meet the public's crisis needs when they occur."