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Foundation raises more than \$600,000

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Since the Oct. 17 earthquake, members of the Greater Santa Cruz Community Foundation have raised more than \$600,000 in disaster-relief aid for Santa Cruz County earthquake victims.

So far, more than \$100,000 has been distributed to local non-profit agencies throughout the county that are helping people in need.

The foundation was honored late this morning by County Supervisor Jan Beautz for its fundraising.

Several large local corporations have contributed a total of \$200,000 to the foundation's Disaster Relief Fund, including Granite Construction Co., the Santa Cruz Sentinel, Coast Commercial Bank, Redtree Properties, Thomas J. Lipton Co., William Wrigley Jr. Co., Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Santos Excavating Co., Salz Leathers Inc. and Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

Grants made to local groups include:

- Second Harvest Food Bank — \$25,000 to purchase perishable foods and distribute foods countywide.
- Interfaith Disaster Recovery Group — \$5,500 to participate in the reconstruction of low-income owner housing.
- COPE Centro Familiar — \$9,000 to repair damages to its child care facility for children of migrant families.
- Child Development Resource Center — \$8,000 to coordinate child care services at emergency shelters.
- Community Action Board — \$2,500 for motel vouchers for people left homeless.
- Salud Para La Gente — \$4,000 to assist individuals and families with basic necessities and medical supplies.
- Pajaro Valley Historical Society — \$2,000 for a structural engineer to help identify historical buildings which can be saved from demolition.
- Immigration Project — \$3,860 to assist new immigrants to seek earthquake relief assistance.
- Natural Resources and Employment Program — \$4,563 to store emergency equipment and supplies that will be needed this winter.
- Women's Crisis Support — \$5,950 for additional crisis intervention services in response to the current increase in stress-related domestic violence.
- California Grey Bears — \$5,400 to increase their distribution of food to seniors.

Information about making donations to the foundation or receiving a grant is available by calling 662-8290.