

Quake-book funds filling gaps

SANTA CRUZ — More than \$260,000 from the sale of the Sentinel's earthquake book has been distributed to county organizations and individuals.

Sentinel Publisher Fred McPherson said Friday that sales of the book, "5:04 p.m. The Great Quake of 1989," have raised \$355,000 so far for earthquake relief.

"I've been pleasantly surprised with the amount of money we've been able to raise," he said. All of the profits from the books go to the fund.

"We've made a concerted effort to help those organizations and individuals who have fallen through the cracks of other aid," he said. "We've tried to use the money in a way that those who bought the book intended," he said.

McPherson said the donations have been spread around the county, from the Summit to the Pajaro Valley.

A committee comprising McPherson, Sentinel General Manager Dave Regan, Editor Bruce McPherson and Managing Editor John Lindsay approved the projects. Lindsay was the book's editor, and Regan was in charge of distribution.

So far, 55,000 copies of the book have been sold, said Regan. He said sales now have slowed, but still average 70 a day at the Sentinel counter.

"We want to thank the bookstores and the banks for selling the books at no profit," he said.

Regan said the donations "are really the community's money that we're just returning."

Projects funded so far include the

Santa Cruz Area Chamber of Commerce, \$15,000 to continue operations; YMCA of the Redwoods in Boulder Creek, \$20,000 to repair chimneys and fireplaces; Downtown Association of Santa Cruz, \$15,000; Watsonville Chamber of Commerce, \$10,000;

Santa Cruz Phoenix Partnership, \$21,000 for plumbing and electrical costs associated with the opening of the food pavilion; Christ Child Catholic Church of the Summit, \$4,000 to rebuild the water system; Rose Acres residential care home of Scotts Valley, \$20,000 to repair damage; Meals on Wheels, \$12,500 to cover costs of feeding additional people as a result of the quake;

Vision Santa Cruz, \$50,000 to hire economic and urban design consultants

to help plan the rebuilding of downtown Santa Cruz; Jen's Place residential care home of Watsonville, \$15,000 to repair the septic system and fireplace;

Calvary Episcopal Church of Santa Cruz, \$12,000 to repair cracked walls in the church and chimney damage to the Parish Hall; emergency grant of \$700 for rent to a Watsonville woman whose home was destroyed;

Watsonville YWCA Building Fund, \$20,000 to help with rebuilding; Watsonville Community Center Sterling Foundation, \$10,000 for the community center; Food Bank, \$9,500 to help buy a forklift to handle greatly increased food donations; Boulder Creek Boy Scout Reservation, \$10,500 to repair swimming pool.