



Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association

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GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PROCEEDS BENEFIT 17 CHARITIES

-- Over \$110,000 Donated For Equipment and Capital Improvement Projects --

GARDEN GROVE, CA (March 19, 2008) – Proceeds of \$110,163 raised from last year's annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival have been recently distributed by the Festival Board of Directors to 17 charities for capital improvements and equipment -- with awards ranging from \$20,000 to \$700. The Festival also annually benefits many non-profit groups who set up booths and raise thousands of additional dollars for their cause.

Recipients of 2007 profits are H.O.P.E., Garden Grove Boys and Girls Club, Guardettes, Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter, American Family Housing, Acacia Adult Day Services, Garden Grove Fire Department, Garden Grove Historical Society, Orange County Ronald McDonald, Garden Grove High School Ladies Softball, Thomas House, Vital Link, Companion Animals, Garden Grove Police Department, H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Kiwanisland, and Threads of Love.

Projects funded include computers and electronic equipment, a mobile police recruiting booth, furniture, baby supplies, kitchen equipment, an amphitheater screen, a team scoreboard, festival booth renovation, sound and video equipment, and funds for refurbishing a shelter apartment.

The annual Strawberry Festival -- which celebrates its 50th year -- will be held Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-26, 2008. The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, since its inception in 1958, has contributed over \$4.4 million to deserving charities that apply for funds in December and receive them at the beginning of the following year. For information visit www.strawberryfestival.org.

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