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GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PROCEEDS BENEFIT 13 CHARITIES

-- Almost \$100,000 Donated For Equipment and Capital Improvement Projects --

GARDEN GROVE, CA (February 24, 2009) – Proceeds of \$99,305.00 raised from last year's annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival have been recently distributed by the Festival Board of Directors to 13 charities for capital improvements and equipment. Awards range from \$25,000 to \$1,000 each. The Festival also annually benefits many non-profit groups who set up festival food booths and collectively raise over \$100,000 more for their charities.

Recipients of 2008 profits are H.O.P.E., Young Life Treatment Centers, Boys and Girls Clubs, Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter, Acacia Adult Day Services, Garden Grove Fire Department, Garden Grove Historical Society, Garden Grove Friends Church, Thomas House, Vital Link, Garden Grove Police Department, Kiwanisland and Shakespeare Orange County.

Projects funded include computer equipment, a police DNA evidence refrigerator, floors and furnishings, repairs and upgrades, stage and audio equipment, park improvements and funds for refurbishing outdoor courts.

The annual Strawberry Festival -- which celebrates its 51st year -- will be held Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25, 2009. The non-profit Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, since its inception in 1958, has contributed over \$5 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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