



Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association

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GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION ACCEPTING NON-PROFIT GRANT REQUESTS

Requests Limited to Donations for Capital Improvements and Capital Equipment

GARDEN GROVE, CA (October 25, 2007) – The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association is accepting requests for grants/donations from non-profit organizations that serve the citizens of Garden Grove and surrounding communities. Letters requesting funds must be postmarked **no later than December 30, 2007** to be considered for calendar year 2008 donations. All letters must be submitted on the non-profit organization's letterhead and include the non-profit identification number, amount of the request and the purpose for funding.

Donations are limited to capital improvements and capital equipment or supplies items and to organizations that do not award charitable cash grants. Other selection criteria considered include organizations which:

- Put majority of its time and finances toward the betterment of the community without the use of tax dollars.
- Have sound track record of fiscal responsibility, or for new groups, plans to achieve financial soundness.
- Demonstrate stability and consistency in attaining goals and fulfilling its purpose.
- Demonstrate a specific need with no alternative sources available for assistance.
- Provide services regardless of race, creed, gender, or age.

Festival board member Sue Catlin serves as chair of the donations committee. For additional festival information, visit www.strawberryfestival.org. **Requests must be mailed to the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, P.O. Box 2287, Garden Grove, CA 92842; Attention: Donations Committee.** "Each year it is our goal to give back to the community by donating to non-profit organizations that provide services for children, seniors, youth, community, education and the arts," said Catlin. "and we strive to do so in a fair and equitable manner to all eligible organizations." She also noted that priority may be given to Garden Grove-based organizations.

Net proceeds from the 2006 Festival of over \$75,000 were donated to local non-profit charities and organizations in 2007. Recipients were Community Day Preschool, Boy's & Girl's Club, Garden Grove Historical Society, Vital Link, Assistance League, Shakespeare O.C., Acacia Adult Day Service, St. Olaf Preschool, Garden Grove Pony Baseball, American Family Housing, Thomas House Temporary Shelter, Garden Grove Fire and Police departments, Kiwanisland, Ronald McDonald House, Guardettes of O.C. and M&M Youth Academy. College scholarships to young men and women were also given.

The Strawberry Festival is an annual non-profit event produced by the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, a dedicated volunteer group which has raised more than \$4.5 million for various charities since its inception in 1958. The Festival, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2008, is held annually on Memorial Day Weekend. It will next take place Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 26th, 2008.

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