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HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MAKES INITIAL \$50,000 GRANT FROM THE HAWAII ISLAND EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY FUND *Grant made to The Salvation Army to fill unmet needs*

HONOLULU—Hawai'i Community Foundation will distribute a \$50,000 grant from the **Hawai'i Island Earthquake Recovery Fund** to The Salvation Army, Hawai'i Chapter, to help Hawai'i Island residents who have unmet needs related to long-term repair and rebuilding of homes from the October 15, 2006 earthquake and series of aftershocks. This is an initial distribution of money from the Fund, which was established on Oct. 31, 2006, with \$250,000 from salesforce.com Foundation and has grown to \$323,203 with the help of generous individuals locally, nationally and internationally.

“Our priority with this Fund is to help those who, after exhausting all other avenues and available funding, still have unmet needs,” said Major Glen Doss, Salvation Army Hawai'i County Coordinator and chair of the West Hawai'i Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (WHVOAD) Steering Committee.

In December 2006, WHVOAD was inaugurated to help ensure that people impacted by the October 15 earthquake are restored to the same level of sufficiency at which they were prior to the earthquake. Since then, the WHVOAD Unmet Needs Committee, working closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has been systematically identifying and researching through home visits and other avenues the current status of earthquake victims.

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“With this first installment, we hope to help the repair and rebuilding efforts for eight homes,” said Wally Lau, executive director of Neighborhood Place of Kona and co-chair of the WHVOAD’s Unmet Needs Committee. WHVOAD initially started repair efforts during the week of January 14, 2007, with the help of volunteers from a mainland Southern Baptist church and donated materials.

“We anticipate that the bulk of the repairs will be accomplished over the next four to six months,” said Major Doss. Additional funds will be requested by The Salvation Army on behalf of WHVOAD in installments, as needed.

The Salvation Army, which was designated by the steering committee of WHVOAD to serve as fiscal sponsor on its behalf, will be responsible for managing the distribution process, paying all expenses for the rebuilding and recovery work. The Salvation Army requested funding of \$50,000 as a first installment to be used for expenditures including: building materials; food for the volunteer workers; specialized services, if needed (such as licensed electricians); accommodations for volunteers; transportation; equipment; and administrative fees.

Administrative fees include costs incurred by The Salvation Army to carry out the responsibilities necessary to facilitate expeditious handling of the funds in support of the disaster recovery effort, such as writing and processing checks, acquiring appropriate approvals, processing invoices, purchasing materials, and coordinating pick-up and deliveries to and from building sites, the bank, vendors and other locations.

WHVOAD is an organization of nonprofit entities on Hawai'i Island that collaborate in times of disaster to meet the needs of those affected. The alliance includes 22 local agencies, churches and other organizations that have come together to ensure that all local resources, in addition to FEMA, are tapped in addressing significant unmet needs.

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Members of WHVOAD include: Neighborhood Place of Kona, Habitat for Humanity, St. Augustine/Diocese of Hawai'i, Kona Church of the Nazarene, Catholic Charities of Hawai'i, Hokuloa United Church of Christ, Kona Church of God, West Hawai'i Community Health Center, North Kohala Emergency Relief, American Red Cross, Lankila Congregational Church/Hospice of Kona, Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC of Kona), Waikoloa Lutheran Church, Kohala Earthquake Relief, The First Baptist Church of Waimea, Waikoloa Lutheran Church, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, The Church of the Latter Day Saints, Family Support Services, Lutheran Social Services, Hawai'i Island United Way and The Salvation Army.

On Oct. 31, 2006, Governor Linda Lingle joined officials from the American Red Cross, Hawai'i Community Foundation, Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), and the salesforce.com Foundation in announcing donations to help residents and organizations affected by the Oct. 15 earthquake and aftershocks and the establishment of the Hawai'i Island Earthquake Recovery Fund to assist Hawai'i Island residents with repair and rebuilding of damaged homes.

For more information about donating to the Hawai'i Island Earthquake Relief Fund, please contact Diane Chadwick, foundation officer for Hawai'i Community Foundation's Hawai'i Island office, at (808) 885-2174 or email: dchadwick@hcf-hawaii.org. For more information about seeking financial assistance for home repair or rebuilding, please contact Major Glen Doss, Hawai'i County coordinator with the Salvation Army at (808) 326-2330 or (808) 640-8203.

Established in 1916, the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) is a statewide, charitable services and grantmaking institution endowed with contributions from many donors. HCF is a steward of more than 400 donor funds, including more than 100 scholarship funds, and distributes charitable funds to Hawai'i's nonprofit organizations through a variety of programs. HCF also serves as a resource on philanthropy, and community issues and trends.

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