



Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association

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GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION NOW ACCEPTING NON-PROFIT GRANT REQUESTS

--Over \$122,000 has been donated for Capital Improvements and Capital Equipment--

GARDEN GROVE, CA (November 5, 2012) – The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association is accepting requests for grants/donations from non-profit organizations that serve the citizens of Garden Grove. Letters requesting funds must be postmarked **no later than January 15, 2013** to be considered for calendar year 2012 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 durable goods. Funds are not given to organizations which award charitable cash grants. Other selection criteria considered include organizations which:

- Put majority of its time and finances toward the betterment of the community.
- 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.
- Provide services regardless of race, creed, gender, or age.

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 and the arts," said Donation Committee Chairman Debbie Mahoney, "and we strive to do so in a fair and equitable manner to all eligible organizations." He also noted that priority may be given to Garden Grove-based organizations.

Proceeds of \$122,581.00 raised from last year's Garden Grove Strawberry Festival were awarded earlier this year by the Festival Board of Directors to 13 non-profit organizations for capital improvements and equipment. They include Acacia Adult Day Services, Boys and Girls Clubs, H.O.P.E., Kiwanisland, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Thomas House Temporary Shelter, Adult Transition Printing, the Guardettes and Shakespeare Orange County. Other organizations who also received funds were the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association, Historical Society, Fire Department, and Police Department.

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 \$5.5 million for various charities since its inception in 1958. The Festival, which will celebrate its 55th anniversary in 2013, is held annually on Memorial Day Weekend. It will next take place Friday, May 24th through Monday, May 27th, 2013.

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