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GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PROCEEDS BENEFIT 14 CHARITIES

--A Festival Record of Over \$149,000 in Donations --

GARDEN GROVE, CA (March 21, 2017) – Record proceeds of \$149,842.00 raised from last year's Garden Grove Strawberry Festival have been recently awarded by the Festival Board of Directors to 14 non-profit organizations for capital improvements and equipment. Awards range from \$21,500 to \$1,500 each.

According to Donations Committee Chair Lon Cahill, projects funded include heating and air conditioning, electronic and other equipment, repairs and furnishings. Recipients are Acacia Adult Day Care Services, Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove, Garden Grove Boy Scout Troop 167, Korean American Seniors Association, H.O.P.E., Kiwanisland, Lions Club and Thomas House, plus Garden Grove's Downtown Business Association, its Assistance League and Historical Society, the police department, as well as both of the City's Community Services and Recreation Departments.

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. Proceeds also fund \$10,000 in scholarships to high school students and Miss Garden Grove, high school band parade participation for \$5500, plus money to cover gasoline costs for buses that transport special needs children and adults for Special Kids Day. .

The annual Strawberry Festival -- which is celebrating its 59th year -- will be held Memorial Day Weekend, May 26, 27, 28 and 29, 2017. Since its inception in 1958 the non-profit Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association has contributed over \$6.5 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. # # #