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NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$8 MILLION IN REBUILDING AID

Philanthropic Gifts Target Homeowners, Small Businesses and Mobile Home Residents

Monday, November 24, 2014, Napa, CA – Napa Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) announced today up to \$8 million in Phase II Funding from the Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund. Phase II support is aimed at repairing structural damage sustained by homeowners and mobile homeowners, as well as physical and economic losses sustained by small business owners, who have already applied for FEMA support and Small Business Administration loans.

Homeowners and small business owners who have applied and heard back from FEMA and SBA are encouraged to apply for Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund grants.

Terence Mulligan, President of Napa Valley Community Foundation, says their goal is to make sure everyone who is eligible can access government funding, and ultimately provide philanthropic support where it will make the most impact.

“Our community has experienced many challenges since the August 24 South Napa Earthquake. We want to minimize the hassle factor of the application process, as much as possible, while ensuring our community as a whole is tapping into any and all resources available,” said Mulligan. “We’re working hand in hand with our nonprofit and government partners to help residents and business owners navigate applications, receive the support for which they are qualified, and get going on rebuilding their lives and businesses.”

In the weeks following the earthquake, Napa Valley Community Foundation has convened partners in city and county government, housing experts, small business representatives, and nonprofit organizations to identify where the needs are greatest, and what type of support will be most effective.

Even with FEMA and SBA support, there are still outstanding needs related to important safety and rebuilding issues for homeowners, small business owners and mobile home residents.

To be eligible for a grant from the Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund, Napa County homeowners, small business owners and mobile homeowners must follow these three steps:

1. Apply for a grant from FEMA by visiting: <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>. If additional help is needed, then:
2. Apply for a disaster loan from the SBA by visiting: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>. If the loan application is declined, or if earthquake losses exceed the approved loan amount, then:
3. Apply for a grant from the Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund by visiting: <http://napavalleycf.org/apply/>.

To download an information sheet about the three-step application process above, please click this link: <http://napavalleycf.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Relief-Flyer-1119.pdf>.

If residents or small business owners need additional, in-person assistance to apply to the Disaster Relief Fund, that support is now available in English and Spanish during limited hours at the Local Assistance Center (LAC) at 301 First Street in Napa, where booths are staffed with welcoming and knowledgeable staff to guide applicants through each step. To see updated hours of operation for the LAC, please visit: <http://www.napaquakeinfo.com/local-assistance-center.html>

Napa Emergency Women's Services (NEWS) and On The Move are two of the local nonprofit organizations that are providing guidance and support at the Local Assistance Center. Executive Director Tracy Lamb of NEWS said, "A lot of people in our community are struggling. We don't want homeowners who get declined for a government loan to fall through the cracks, and know that some people will need extra assistance to navigate through the process. We are grateful to be in a position to help."

Mulligan said that Napa Valley Community Foundation has a long and productive relationship with NEWS and On The Move. "From day one after the earthquake, our nonprofit partners have shown us how it's done in Napa County. They continue to go above and beyond to help make our community whole again. They did extraordinary work to meet the immediate recovery needs of residents in September and October, and we are honored to continue to partner with them for this next phase of work about rebuilding."

The Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund (the Fund) is managed by Napa Valley Community Foundation and was created with a \$10 million lead gift from Napa Valley Vintners following the 2014 Napa Earthquake. Since the Fund was established, more than 425 additional individual, corporate and foundation donors have stepped up with gifts of nearly \$500,000.

In a prior round of distributions in September and October, the Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund focused on emergency needs and granted \$2 million to 20 nonprofit partners to support local residents:

- \$1,145,000 in emergency financial aid was provided directly to individuals and families in need as a result of the earthquake, through a select group of NVCF's nonprofit partners. Funds paid for temporary housing, food, medicine, and replacement of essential household items.

- \$815,000 was invested to support direct services provided by 20 these nonprofits to aid individuals and families in need as a result of the earthquake.

As of October 31:

- 791 households received emergency financial assistance.
- More than 9,000 meals were served to quake victims as a result of grants from the Fund.
- Overall, 10,000 people received services as a result of grants from the Fund.
 - 88% were renters, rather than homeowners
 - 90% were low-income
 - 54% were Latino; 41% were Anglo; 5% were other
 - 46% were seniors; 33% were children; 22% were adults

“We think Napa Valley will come back even stronger than before,” said NVCF Board Chair Patrick Gleeson. “It is a measured optimism. Many of our residents and business owners suffered losses and are now having to manage serious challenges. While it’s a tough road for so many, we remain grateful to our generous donors, public servants, government partners, nonprofits and businesses who are pulling together with a common agenda to ensure we all come back together, stronger than before. The community foundation is honored to play a role in supporting and meeting the needs of the community – today and in the future. ”

Please go to www.napavalleycf.org to learn more and support the Napa Valley Community Disaster Relief Fund.

About Napa Valley Community Foundation

Napa Valley Community Foundation helps donors transform their passion for giving into greater impact. Now celebrating 20 years of service to Napa Valley, NVCF has served as a bridge between philanthropic families and hard-working nonprofit agencies since 1994, bringing people, ideas and resources together to enhance the quality of life in our community. From American Canyon to Calistoga, NVCF has distributed \$30 million in grants since it was founded, and currently serves as the philanthropic partner to 100 individuals, families, nonprofit agencies and corporations in Napa Valley. To learn more visit napavalleycf.org.

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