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**CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RAISES \$1.4 MILLION  
TO SUPPORT WILDFIRE RECOVERY EFFORTS**

LOS ANGELES—More than \$1.4 million has been donated to the **Southern California Wildfire Relief Fund**, the California Community Foundation announced Friday. The foundation has already contributed \$125,000 to the San Diego Community Foundation and \$75,000 to the Community Foundation serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Smaller grants are scheduled to be disbursed in January 2008 to support the recovery efforts in parts of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties ravaged by the October Wildfires.

“Response has been incredible,” said Antonia Hernández, President and CEO at the foundation. “It’s gratifying to see the community step up to help its fellow residents as they begin the long, hard road to rebuild their lives.”

The foundation announced two months ago that it would match up to \$250,000 in contributions to the fund. Including the match, corporations, foundations and individuals have so far donated a total of \$1,434,459 and more commitments have followed. Contributions include \$500,000 from Warner Bros. Entertainment – all of which came from “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” – \$150,000 from the Amgen Foundation, and a joint contribution of \$150,000 from the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York and The Nippon Club.

The **Southern California Wildfire Relief Fund** will support intermediate recovery efforts focusing on needy populations and nonprofits serving the affected areas. Established in 2003, the fund raised more than \$1 million at the time to support recovery efforts in the aftermath of the 2003 wildfires. The foundation will waive all fees associated with the fund and the disbursement of grants to ensure that 100 percent of the funds will be used for relief efforts. Grants will support intermediate and long-term recovery as well as wildfire preparedness efforts.

Founded in 1915, the California Community Foundation is one of the leading philanthropic organizations in Los Angeles County, managing more than \$1 billion in assets. Each year, it gives out more than \$100 million in grants to invest in the future of our local communities. The foundation partners with individual donors and actively supports nonprofit organizations to address diverse and dynamic needs of our communities. The expertise and commitment of CCF enables individuals, families and organizations to fulfill their charitable goals and dreams. To learn more, visit the foundation’s Web site at [www.calfund.org](http://www.calfund.org).

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