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SOLANO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROVIDES A “HAND UP “ TO NORTH BAY STAND DOWN

FAIRFIELD – More than 250 homeless veterans will keep warm this year thanks to a \$2,000 grant provided by Solano Community Foundation’s Community Memorial Fund Giving Program.

The Grants Committee at SCF selected the North Bay Stand Down, a place where homeless veterans receive warm meals, medical and dental care, and clothing in a safe environment, to receive a \$2,000 grant for insulated jackets handed out during the annual Stand Down event.

“This is the one area we would have to cut if there weren’t funds. These jackets run us about \$4,500 but the \$2,000 is enough to give us what we need to make that budget,” said Lynn Jewell, board member of the NBSD.

The Fund, created in 2008 by local leaders and the Foundation, provides an opportunity for community members to make tax-deductible donations in the name of their loved one, friend, colleague, or client. Donors then select a qualified nonprofit of their choice for the annual grant, which in turn is sent to the Grants Committee at SCF. The contributions result in grants to programs throughout the community that assist needy neighbors and enrich the community’s quality of life.

“We never want to forget the service and sacrifice of our veterans,” said Stephanie Wolf, President and CEO of the Solano Community Foundation. “The Stand Down is an essential part of reaching homeless veterans and providing services, a friendly welcome, and a safe haven for men and women who are now fighting a different kind of war. We are delighted that the Community Memorial Fund grant will go toward helping so many vets.”

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The North Bay Stand Down is an annual event that takes place each October at the Dixon May Fair Grounds. The grassroots, community-based intervention program is designed to help homeless veterans “combat” life on the streets. These veterans are brought together in a single location for three days and are provided access to the community resources needed to begin addressing their individual problems and rebuilding their lives.

For more information on the Community Memorial Fund, or to make a donation for 2011, please visit our Web site at www.solanocf.org or call 707.399.3846.

The Solano Community Foundation was established in 1995, incorporated in 2000, and is dedicated to strengthening the community now and for future generations. It is a 501(c)(3) organization which provides the opportunity for donors to make a lasting contribution to causes in Solano County that are close to their hearts, and to build capacity in the nonprofit community. Stephanie Wolf, President and CEO of the Solano Community Foundation, can be reached at 707-399-3846.

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