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Chevron Donates \$20,000 to Greater Richmond Interfaith Program **Richmond Refinery Teams with Community Group to Fight Hunger and Homelessness**

Richmond, Calif., October 6, 2008—Chevron Richmond Refinery today announced that it is the Presenting Sponsor for the 22nd Annual Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) Harmony Walk on Saturday, October 11, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. starting at JFK Park in Richmond, Calif.

In addition to Chevron's \$20,000 financial sponsorship to GRIP, the Richmond Refinery will have a team participating in the event and an information booth with small gifts for participants. Information provided will detail Chevron Richmond Refinery's safety and environmental standards as well as the company's commitment to community involvement in the greater Richmond community.

"Chevron's Richmond Refinery is committed to contributing to the social and economic development of the Richmond community," said Mike Coyle, Chevron Richmond Refinery Manager. "Chevron believes that providing community support, both through financial assistance and personal involvement, is our responsibility as a good neighbor."

This year, Chevron has donated \$30,000 to the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program to assist with fighting hunger and homelessness in Richmond and Contra Costa County.

The purpose of the GRIP Harmony Walk is to increase awareness of and raise funding for hunger and homeless issues. All proceeds from the event will fund the Family Housing Program, which provides a comprehensive family resource center focused on ending homelessness. To register to participate in the event or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please call (510) 233-2141, ext. 304 or email GRIP at info@gripcommunity.org.

Aside from financial sponsorship, Chevron employees hosted "Chevron Day" at the GRIP Souper Center where Chevron employees volunteered their time serving food to families in Contra Costa County in need of a little extra help. Chevron is proud to partner with GRIP in the fight against hunger with such events as "Chevron Day" at the GRIP Souper Center. More than a dozen Chevron employees prepared and served food for GRIP as well as cleaned the kitchen area to assist GRIP employees and other volunteers with this well

needed service to the community. Chevron employees were also given the opportunity to tour the GRIP facilities to see exactly how Chevron's partnership with the organization benefits homeless people in the community. "This has been a tremendous opportunity to partner with Chevron in a socially responsible collaborative, and to work together to provide food and shelter for the more than 14,757 homeless individuals in Contra Costa County", said Andrea Bailey, GRIP Fund Development Director.

About Chevron Richmond Refinery

The Chevron Richmond Refinery is located on 2,900 acres 25 miles from San Francisco and produced high quality transportation fuels created for the San Francisco Bay Area and Northwest United States. We take pride in our commitment to serving our community, conducting safe operations and protecting the environment. With a capacity to process 240,000 barrels of crude oil per day, Chevron Richmond Refinery makes gasoline for passenger cars, jet fuel for airplanes, and diesel fuel for trucks and trains. In addition to producing transportation fuels, the refinery produces a variety of lubricating oils which are distributed throughout the Western United States. Chevron Richmond Refinery is the largest producer of base oils, the main component of lubricant blends, on the West Coast.

About GRIP

GRIP, or Greater Richmond Interfaith Program, is an interfaith, multi-racial coalition with 41 member congregations from a variety of faith traditions- Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims, Sikh, Buddhist- working together to address critical issues of human dignity and social justice. GRIP celebrates diversity of our multi-cultural community and draws upon a variety of traditions and cultures to "actively seek solutions" to "the issues of justice that affect the poor and the disenfranchised of our society...to empower all people" GRIP "provides the opportunity for...diverse groups to work together in mutual respect, to carry out deeply held commitment to health the world around us." (from mission statement)

"Unit[ing] thoughts and actions to work together to address issues of economic disparity and social injustice", through both advocacy and education to tackle the root causes of problems as we provide services to meet critical needs, for over 40 years, GRIP has been providing services primarily in West Contra Costa County, but, also, all over the SF Bay Area. Today, GRIP's focus is on three core initiatives: providing food; providing shelter; and providing supportive services to help homeless families transition to self-sufficiency.

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