



Richmond/El Cerrito Firefighters Toy Program



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Richmond Community Partners and Chevron Announce Holiday Contribution *Chevron Richmond Refinery contributes \$75,000 in local agency support*

RICHMOND, Calif., December 5, 2008– On Monday, December 8, 2008, at 11:00am the Bay Area Rescue Mission, the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP), and the Richmond/El Cerrito Firefighters Toy Program - along with Chevron Richmond Refinery will be hosting a community event/press conference to announce Chevron's contribution of \$75,000 which includes \$25,000 to each organization in support of immediate local community needs during the holiday season.

Mike Coyle, Chevron Richmond Refinery General Manager said, "Chevron recognizes its responsibility to support communities where it does business. The investments announced today support immediate needs for housing, food, and toys. Chevron's contribution spotlights the fine work of each of these organizations and the many positive results they bring to local communities. Organizations like the Bay Area Rescue Mission, GRIP, and the Richmond/El Cerrito Firefighter's Toy Program are to be commended for their hard work in recognizing the immediate needs of families this holiday season while partnering with local businesses and agencies to help provide support during these tough economic times."

The event will take place at the Richmond Fire Department, Station 64, 4801 Bayview Avenue, Richmond, Calif.

About Bay Area Rescue Mission

Founded in 1965, the Bay Area Rescue Mission is dedicated to assisting our community's homeless and desperately needed men, women, boys, and girls. The Rescue Mission's programs are designed to help people break free from homelessness and hopelessness and then empower them to become contributing members of our society. In November and December, we anticipate to provide more than 20,000 clean, safe beds for men, women, and children and more than 400,000 meals for the hungry. Our goal is to end the cycle of homelessness and poverty and to do so we offer much more than a soup-kitchen and shelter environment for people in need. The Bay Area Rescue Mission is a member of the AGRM, an association of 300 Rescue Missions across North America.

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. Uniting thoughts and actions to work together to address the 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's focus is on three core initiatives: providing food; providing shelter; and providing supportive services to help homeless families transition to self-sufficiency.

About the Richmond/El Cerrito Firefighter's Toy Program

The Richmond/El Cerrito Firefighter's Toy Program exists to collect and distribute new, unwrapped toys to economically disadvantaged children in the western Contra Costa County area during the holiday season. Both monetary donations and donations of new, unwrapped toys are accepted throughout the calendar year. With generous donations from both local corporations and individuals, the Richmond/El Cerrito Firefighter's Toy Program distributes toys to children age 12 and under. Also in conjunction with staff from the Richmond Police Department, we deliver food baskets to the families to enjoy a holiday dinner. The primary objective of the program is to assist underprivileged children and their families during the holidays.

About the Chevron Richmond Refinery

The Chevron Richmond Refinery is located on 2,900 acres 25 miles from San Francisco and produces 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 through the Western United States. Chevron Richmond Refinery is the largest producer of base oils, the main component of lubricant blends, on the West Coast.

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