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SPIRIT OF LIBERTY FOUNDATION DONATES TO RSF FOUNDATION

The Disaster Relief Fund, at the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation, provides assistance to our friends and neighbors who were also victims of the fires and who reside in other communities of San Diego County.

A family living in Ramona has come to the attention of the committee – a single mother who is handicapped and has two children – ages 6 and 11. Their manufactured home and most of their possessions were destroyed in the fire. She has been receiving assistance from her children's school and her church since then. She has received a payment from FEMA that will only cover approximately two thirds of the cost of a new manufactured home.

On January 29th, the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation received a generous donation in the amount of \$7,000 from *The Spirit of Liberty Foundation*. The check was presented to Christy Wilson, Executive Director, by Travis Thomas, Brittany Lee and Priscilla Wood of *The Spirit of Liberty Foundation*. The purpose of the donation was to support the work of the RSF Foundation and the Fire Recovery Coordinating Committee. Mr. Rovsek, a Trustee of the Foundation and a Rancho Santa Fe resident, was interested was in supporting families who had been a victims of the October wildfires.

The Spirit of Liberty Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 organization, was able to make this donation using the proceeds of their successful *Americans Helping Californians*TM National Online Auction of luxury goods, services and experiences to benefit the victims of the recent Southern California wildfires. Bertrand Hug, the owner of two award-winning restaurants, Mille Fleurs in Rancho Santa Fe and Bertrand at Mister A's in downtown San Diego, was one of those that donated to the *Americans Helping Californians* wildfire relief effort. "I believe we need to do all we can for the victims of the recent wildfires" said the renowned restaurateur.

The \$7,000 received from *The Spirit of Liberty Foundation* was a challenge grant to the RSF Foundation and requires us to raise an additional \$14,000 for a total of \$21,000. To date we have raised \$17,231 towards our goal. Should you wish to make a contribution towards this challenge, and to give this family a chance to return to their home, please contact Christy Wilson at the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation (858-756-6557).

The Spirit of Liberty Foundation is headquartered locally and was originally formed "to raise funds and to assist with the restoration and maintenance of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Now that the restoration is complete and as a result of 9/11, the Foundation's mission is to share Liberty with America and to create high profile educational programs to reinforce the meaning and symbolism of American liberty for all of our citizens and the world."