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**EAST BAY NONPROFITS RECEIVE
\$1.4 MILLION FROM CHEVRON
Grants Made Through Partnership with East Bay Community Foundation**

Concord, CA – The East Bay Community Foundation announced that 29 East Bay non-profit organizations will receive more than \$1.4 million in charitable donations from Chevron Corporation.

Chevron used Foundation research on community needs and the Foundation's knowledge of local non-profit organizations to identify recipients of its grants.

Contributions from \$25,000 to \$50,000 will be given to each of the local non-profit organizations, which are dedicated to addressing basic human needs – like providing food, shelter, youth services, free health clinics and crisis centers.

"Non-profit organizations have been hit hard by the economic crisis," said Nicole Taylor, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation. "While the holiday season usually generates substantial donations for non-profit organizations, some donors aren't able to give as much as they have in years past, so we're pleased and appreciative that Chevron is making this significant donation that helps feed, clothe, shelter and support many people and families throughout the East Bay."

Contra Costa Crisis Center, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, Monument Crisis Center, and Stand! Against Domestic Violence received their donations from Chevron at the Food Bank warehouse in Concord on Friday. Each organization was deeply appreciative of Chevron's generosity.

"In recent months the number of people calling our 24-hour crisis lines and 211 information and referral line has increased 20 percent, largely because of anxiety over the economy," said John Bateson, Executive Director of the Contra Costa Crisis Center. "People are losing their jobs, losing their homes, and seeing their retirement savings disappear. At the same time, individual donations have declined because people have less money to give. So it was a huge, wonderful surprise when we were learned that Chevron was donating \$50,000 to help us

meet the increased demand for our services. We're grateful for this, and for other support that makes our life-affirming services possible."

Larry Sly Executive Director of the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano agrees. "Chevron's generous support will help us distribute much-needed food to our neighbors in need. Their timing could not have been better."

"As an East Bay company, we're concerned about how current economic conditions are affecting our communities," said Chevron representative David Feldman. "This is an investment in the social safety net of the East Bay and we're glad to share some of our resources with those most in need."

To identify needs in the East Bay and the recipients of the grants, Chevron drew upon the Foundation's 2008 "[East Bay Community Assessment](#)", a 110-page report that examined 58 different studies on needs in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, as well as the expertise of the Foundation's staff and their knowledge of the service providers serving the communities of the East Bay.

"We're pleased to have had the opportunity to partner with Chevron in the process of identifying the most pressing needs in the East Bay and of identifying the organizations that are seeing more and more people come to them for help in these difficult economic times where unemployment, loss of financial stability, and rising costs have a tremendous impact on many people," said Taylor.

"As a result of our research and as a result of the knowledge we have of the organizations and programs that address critical needs, we're able to be a source of expertise for directing investments aimed at making the East Bay a better place and helping Chevron with its partnerships."

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Pictured:

Larry Sly - Food Bank
Sandra Scherer - Monument Crisis Center
Darian Louie - East Bay Community Foundation
Dave Feldman - Chevron
Irit Umani - Stand! Against Domestic Violence
Janet Auer - Chevron
John Bateson - Contra Costa Crisis Center