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VALERO BENICIA REFINERY GIVES \$25,000 TO FOOD BANK

Benicia, Calif. – The Valero Benicia Refinery presented checks to 21 children's charities totaling \$400,000 at an awards ceremony held at the refinery's conference center in Benicia. The funds were raised through the 2009 Valero Texas Open and Benefit for Children Golf Classic, held in San Antonio, Texas, last May.

"This year the need is greater than ever for area charities and we are proud of our tradition of giving back to the community through the Benefit for Children Golf Classic," said Doug Comeau, vice president and general manager of the Valero Benicia Refinery.

The Benicia refinery held a similar event in February of this year where proceeds from the fall 2008 golf tournament were distributed. The annual PGA TOUR tournament moved to the spring in 2009, which led to the opportunity a second grant awards ceremony in the same calendar year.

Comeau added, "I know these donations will make a significant impact in the lives of thousands of children across the area."

Thanks to the generosity of Valero's business partners and sponsors, the Valero Texas Open remains one of the most charitable tournaments on the PGA TOUR. Nationwide, Valero will distribute \$8 million this year to children's charities in the areas where it does business from this single event alone. Agencies selected to receive Benefit for Children dollars each year are nominated by Valero employees.

The checks presented today, ranging in amounts from \$10,000 to \$30,000, will help agencies dedicated to enhancing children's lives by providing a variety of services and programs such as scholarships for children with illnesses and

disabilities to attend camp, new educational and recreational programs for at-risk youths, and resources for abused and neglected children.

The food bank of Contra Costa and Solano's Farm2 Kids program received \$25,000 from Valero. This program provides free fresh produce to children attending schools located in low-income neighborhoods in order to both support their nutritional health and to help teach them good eating habits to help fight obesity and childhood diabetes. " We recently added five schools so the generous donation from Valero will allow us to meet that increased expectation, as well as continuing with other schools," said Food Bank Executive Director Larry Sly.

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