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**Ventura County Community Foundation Establishes Fund  
to Aid Recent Disaster Victims in Pakistan and Guatemala**

(CAMARILLO, CA – October 19, 2005) — The Ventura County Community Foundation’s *World Disaster Fund* is open to receive contributions from local residents who wish to aid victims of the recent earthquake tragedy in Pakistan and the overwhelming flooding in Guatemala.

“The physical destruction and human suffering as a result of these natural disasters is enormous, and we are joining with donors from all over the world to reach out to victims, particularly children, who are homeless and in need of our support,” said VCCF President Hugh Ralston. “While the world has seemed to witness one natural disaster after another this year, each one has its own devastating effect on the lives it touches. We are pleased to partner with the residents of Ventura County who want to direct their generous contributions to assist in these two regions of the world which are suffering from these natural disasters.”

Earlier this year, VCCF served as a local central point for Ventura County residents to aid victims of Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. As in those cases, the grant recipients for this latest relief effort will be organizations that provide emergency relief and long-term recovery in the affected areas. Specific grants will be designated by VCCF’s board once the funds have been collected.

Contributions should be sent to VCCF at 1317 Del Norte Road, Suite 150, Camarillo, California 93010. Please make your checks payable to VCCF, note that it is for the *World Disaster Fund*, and also note whether it is intended to help victims in Pakistan or in Guatemala. Forms are available on VCCF’s Web site at [www.vccf.org](http://www.vccf.org).

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Created in 1987 the Ventura County Community Foundation is a family of charitable funds whose combined assets now exceed \$70 million. Grants made in 2005 are projected at over \$4 million, including over \$600,000 in scholarships to Ventura County students. The Foundation's mission is to promote and enable philanthropy to improve our community for good and for ever. It does this by being a careful steward of funds entrusted to it, a long-term partner dedicated to donor intent, an effective grantmaker focusing on the needs of the community and nonprofits, and a community leader and convener working for the common good. For more information, visit [www.vccf.org](http://www.vccf.org).

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