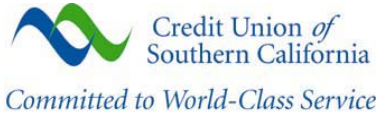


Credit Union of Southern California Donates Over \$14,000 to Hurricane Katrina Relief



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WHITTIER, Calif., September 23, 2005 – Credit Union of Southern California (CU SoCal) and Southern California's Helping Hands (SCHH) announce the donation of \$14,845 to the Salvation Army for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Joining together, CU SoCal employees and Board and Supervisory Committee members donated \$4,845 from September 1 to September 7. The credit union contributed an additional \$10,000; all donations were given to SCHH, a non-profit organization. The money was forwarded to the Salvation Army for use in the relief efforts taking place in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana.

Judy Colburn, CU SoCal employee and Chairwoman of SCHH, coordinated the donations from employees. "The employees and volunteers of CU SoCal gave generously to help make a difference in the lives of the people who have been affected by Katrina. It says a lot about the staff working here."

"The effects of this disaster will be felt for a long time. We want to do what we can to help the communities in the South rebuild and recover from this tragic event. Credit unions were built on the motto of "people helping people," and we strive to exemplify that motto not only in our communities, but wherever the need is greatest," said CU SoCal President/CEO Dave Gunderson.

About Credit Union of Southern California (CU SoCal)

Founded in 1954 as Whittier Area Schools Federal Credit Union, CU SoCal is dedicated to providing Members with world-class service, competitive products, and convenience. With over \$400 million in assets, 40,000 members, and six branch locations, CU SoCal is dedicated to the credit union motto of "people helping people." Our products and services are highly competitive with banks and other financial providers. Visit www.cusocal.org or call (562) 698-8326 for further information. Membership is open to those who live, work, or worship in Northwest Orange County, San Gabriel Valley, and the cities in-between.

About Southern California's Helping Hands (SCHH)

Founded in 1997 by CU SoCal employees, SCHH's vision is to provide Southern California's poor and needy families with the basic necessities of life, treating them with dignity and respect. Our program provides food, clothing, and financial assistance to families in need, and supports other charitable organizations in Southern California. For more information, visit www.socalhelpinghands.org, or call (714) 671-2711.