



CHARITY COMMITTEE

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The Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee Pledges \$10,000 to Help Keep Open Heart Kitchen Running Through the Holidays Matching Campaign to begin immediately, for donations received by Thanksgiving

Pleasanton: November 13, 2008: The Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee (RHGTCC) has announced a \$10,000 Matching Gift Campaign, in order to help create awareness for the urgent need for funding for Open Heart Kitchen. Open Heart Kitchen, the only hot meal program in the Tri-Valley, may be forced to close its doors due to the downturn in the economy. Cash donations are at an all-time low while requests for services remain high. More funding from grants and corporate donations is on the horizon for 2009, but may not be received in time to prevent Open Heart Kitchen's financial collapse. In 2007, Open Heart Kitchen served approximately 160,000 meals.

"Our organization has supported Open Heart Kitchen from the beginning, " notes Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee Board Member, Rosanne Hoffman. "This is a critical time for this organization. The program needs our help now more than ever."

About Open Heart Kitchen

Open Heart Kitchen currently serves 160,000 meals a year to people living in Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin and has been the Tri-Valley's only soup kitchen since 1995. Without the community's support, Open Heart Kitchen may have to close its doors just when guests need support the most. Local residents and companies are urged to make a donation today by calling 925 580-1616 to donate or by going online to www.OpenHeartKitchen.org and donating using Pal Pal.

The Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee

The Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee, a group of Pleasanton, Tri-Valley and East Bay residents, has devoted itself to helping charities helping children and families in the Tri-Valley. The grassroots organization of volunteers has donated over \$2,600,000 to worthy causes since its inception in 1997. For more information about RHGTCC, please contact Donna Garrison at 925 980-0273.

www.RubyHillGivingThanks.org.