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**STATEWIDE MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
DISTRIBUTES GRANTS TO RESIDENTS OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITIES
AFFECTED BY THE NAPA VALLEY EARTHQUAKE**

WMA Foundation Provides Financial Relief to Residents of Manufactured Housing Communities

NAPA, September 10, 2014 – To date, the WMA Foundation has distributed over \$36,000 to residents of several manufactured housing communities whose homes were destroyed or substantially affected by the Napa Valley earthquake.

Grants have been mailed to the residents of Napa Valley Mobile Home Park, Las Casitas, Newell's Mobile City, Salvador Mobile Estates, La Siesta Village, Napa Valley Manor, Olympia Mobilodge, Olympia Vallejo and Oaktree.

A handful of residents in the Napa Valley Mobile Home Park lost their homes due to the resulting fires, and residents at several other mobilehome parks cannot occupy their homes until their foundations are repaired. The WMA Foundation hopes these funds will help residents in their time of need and provides some financial assistance to ease the hardship of the disaster.

Bill Schweinfurth, Director of Operations for Vedder Community Management, which owns and operates the Napa Valley Mobile Home Park on Orchard Avenue, expressed appreciation on behalf of his residents: "I'm very grateful to the Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA) and to its many member community owners who have made contributions to the Foundation over the years for just this purpose—to help our residents in times of disaster and hardship. These funds will provide welcome relief to those who have lost homes or had their homes damaged. I know our residents are very appreciative of WMA's outreach to them at this time."

Manufactured housing community owners have been doing their part to restore normal services within the communities and working with local agencies to help the residents.

The WMA Foundation is grateful for 8½ year old Bailey Brown, a resident of Napa, who donated \$559.12 from her proceeds at a lemonade and brownie stand. Her generosity prompted others to donate as far away as New York and Texas. Bailey's grandmother lives in Napa Valley Mobilehome Park and she wanted to help out the residents whose homes were damaged.

Established in 2005, the WMA Foundation is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, established for the purpose of enriching the quality of life for all persons living in manufactured housing communities in California who are disadvantaged due to income or circumstance. To date, the Foundation has distributed \$270,500 across California to residents of manufactured housing communities that have been affected by natural disasters or other unfortunate events.

Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA) is a nonprofit trade association created in 1945 for the exclusive purpose of promoting and protecting the interests of owners, operators and developers of manufactured home communities in California. WMA's members collectively own, operate and control over 175,000 manufactured home spaces in California. WMA has over 1,700 member communities located in all 58 counties of California.

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