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**The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington  
offers local vehicle to aid Midwest flooding victims**

**Vancouver, WA – June 20, 2008.** The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington is accepting donations from the general public, businesses, and other foundations for flood relief and recovery efforts in the Midwest. Contributions should be made payable to its newly-established Emergency Flood Relief Fund. One hundred percent of the financial donations will be passed through to Midwest-area community foundations in order to support nonprofit organizations that are providing first-response efforts and ongoing recovery support. The Community Foundation will work closely with those community foundations to direct donated dollars to nonprofit organizations that are known to be excellent administrators of funds and which are targeting needs unmet by other funding sources.

The Community Foundation has fulfilled the role of facilitating emergency relief funds in the past, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, working through the Baton Rouge Area Foundation.

***About the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington:***

The Community Foundation helps a broad cross section of citizens build stronger communities through effective philanthropy. One of the nation's 700 community foundations, it is a tax-exempt, public charity that primarily serves southwest Washington. The Foundation holds distinct Funds, ranging in size from \$10,000 to over \$3 million, that are pooled, managed, and

invested to generate growth and income for granting and inflation purposes. Governed by a volunteer Board of local leaders, the Foundation offers services to donors and nonprofit organizations and a wide range of benefits to the community. In total, the Community Foundation has infused more than \$80 million into the community since it was established in 1984.

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