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The Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association (CFEBA) has donated a total of \$20,000 to three charities that are helping to deal with the impact on human lives of recent political upheavals and natural catastrophes. The CFEBA recently donated \$5,000 for solar cookers to help the refugees in Darfor. \$5,000 was donated to help victims of the devastating California fires. And the CFEBA sent \$10,000 to an organization that helps families of wounded military personnel.

CFEBA identified an organization that has established a business in the refugee camps of Darfor producing solar cookers that help improve the lives of camp residents. Solar cooking for the refugees in these camps has multiple benefits: (1) A reduction for the need for frequent firewood collection reducing the risk of violence towards women and girls; (2) Two solar cookers can save one ton of wood each year; (3) There is no need to tend a fire so women are free to do other tasks; and (4) The production of the solar cookers provides income generation opportunities for female refugees.

CFEBA contributed \$5,000 to The Volunteer Centers of California, which acts as a statewide clearinghouse for volunteer efforts relating to the fires. The Volunteer Centers of California closely coordinated with the Governor's office to deploy thousands of volunteers from across the state into the counties affected by the fires. One of the key responsibilities of The Volunteer Centers of California is to deploy Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs), which frequently distribute generators at disaster sites. The CERTs also have been used to distribute and/or install smoke alarms and to replace smoke alarm batteries in the homes of elderly people.

Fisher House will receive a \$10,000 grant from CFEBA at the upcoming Fifth Annual Fundraising Gala on November 29, 2007. Fisher House is an organization that supports families visiting soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan at military hospitals around the country.

CFEBA's Fifth Annual Fundraising Gala, held in conjunction with the EBA's Mid-Year Meeting on November 29, 2007, will feature a sumptuous hors d'oeuvres buffet, live jazz music, and a silent auction of premium wines, weekend get-aways, tickets to sports and performing arts events, and other gifts of all sorts. Sponsors of the event at \$2,000 and above, include the following generous organizations:

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