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\$11,500 DONATED TO CHARITIES BY SOLVANG LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE 2007 AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA CYCLING RACE



Accepting donation checks from the Solvang Local Organizing Committee of the 2007 Amgen Tour of California are: (left to right) Valerie Moya for Breakaway From Cancer™ Initiative; Vicki Morehouse for Solvang Lutheran Home; Tresha Sell for Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital Foundation; and Katie Holzheu for National Charity League-Santa Ynez Valley Chapter. (Hi-res photos available by request from laura@mariahmarketing.com)

Solvang, California—More than \$88,000 was raised by local volunteers, individuals and businesses to defray the expenses of the Solvang Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for hosting the *Amgen Tour of California* Stage 5 Time Trial on February 23, 2007. According to Carol Petersen, owner of Touch of Glass and Max Hanberg, owner of the Solvang Shoe Store, volunteer co-chairs of the Solvang LOC that coordinated and helped host this world-class cycling race, net proceeds after City expenses would be donated to charity.

At a press conference today in Solvang recapping the successful 2007 events and announcing plans for 2008; Solvang Mayor Ken Palmer, Solvang City Manager Brad Vidro and Solvang LOC Co-Chair Carol Petersen presented checks totaling to \$11,500 to:

- \$500: National Charity League-Santa Ynez Valley Chapter accepted by Katie Holzheu, Vice-President of Education & Communication
- \$1,000 Breakaway from Cancer™ Initiative accepted by Valerie Moya, Vice-President, Union Bank, Solvang.
- \$5,000 Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital Foundation accepted by Tresha Sell, Board President
- \$5,000 Solvang Lutheran Home accepted by Vicki Morehouse, Executive Director

In related news, the 2008 *Amgen Tour of California* professional cycling road race will take place February 17-24, 2008, as confirmed today by AEG, presenters of the record-setting 'Tour de France-style' cycling road race staged across California's 700 miles of the most scenic state highways, roadways and coastline drives. Solvang has been named host city again for the Stage 5 Time Trials on February 22, 2008. For more information, visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com or www.tourofcalifornia-solvang.com ###