



CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION

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CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION AWARDED \$10,000 GRANT

Carmel, California – May 29, 2014 – The Carmel Mission Foundation announced today that it has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 by the Fremont Bank Foundation to further its efforts to restore the Carmel Mission complex. This grant was among 50 other \$10,000 grants that Fremont Bank Foundation recently awarded to non-profit organizations to commemorate the Bank's 50th Anniversary. It was also the second grant received by the Carmel Mission Foundation from Fremont.

Having recently completed the \$5.5 million restoration of the Mission's Basilica last year, the Carmel Mission Foundation is now engaged in planning and funding Phase II of the Mission's restoration, which will address the remaining historical structures and museums, including California's first library. *"This most generous grant from Fremont Bank is greatly appreciated as we continue our efforts to restore and preserve the Carmel Mission for future generations,"* said Vic Grabrian, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Carmel Mission Foundation. He went on to say, *"An extensive study, commissioned by the Foundation, has been underway for the past eight months to develop a Master Plan for Phase II. The study should be completed next month."*

About the Carmel Mission Foundation

The Carmel Mission Foundation was founded in 2008 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and is independent from any religious organization. Its purpose is to fund the restoration and maintenance of the historic Carmel Mission structures and artifacts, ensuring their preservation into perpetuity.

The Carmel Mission (Mission San Carlos Borromeo del Rio Carmelo) was founded in 1771 and served as the headquarters for the California Mission System. It is the repository of generations of culture, tradition and history, as well as a highly significant part of California's heritage. The Mission, a National Historic Landmark, is a major tourist attraction and a significant economic engine for the Monterey Peninsula.



Vic Grabrian, President and CEO of the Carmel Mission Foundation receives \$10,000 check from Hattie Hyman Hughes, Fremont Bank Foundation Board President



The recently restored Carmel Mission Basilica

About the Fremont Bank Foundation

The Fremont Bank Foundation was established in 1995 under the direction of Fremont Bank's late founder, Morris Hyman, and his wife, Alvirda. The Fremont Bank Foundation is an independent, private, grant-making foundation that is solely funded by Fremont Bank.

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