



CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION

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THE CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RECEIPT OF \$70,000.00 GRANT

Carmel, CA, February 17, 2010 —The Carmel Mission Foundation has announced it has been awarded a \$70,000.00 grant from the California Missions Foundation with funds from the Hearst Foundation. The Hearst Foundation Funds are designated as a matching grant to be used in conjunction with the Carmel Mission Foundations award of a \$650,000 grant through the Save America's Treasures program of the National Parks service. *"We are pleased to be able to help the Carmel Mission Foundation meet the SAT match to preserve this very important piece of California's History"* said Dr. Knox Mellon, Executive Director, California Missions Foundation. *"Here in Carmel we have been working diligently for the past few years to raise the necessary funds to keep this 1797 building safe and secure and we are grateful for the heartwarming support of the Hearst Foundation and The California Missions Foundation"* said Sam Wright, President, Carmel Mission Foundation. With this grant, and the support from hundreds of donors, the Carmel Mission Foundation is moving forward with plans for a multi-year, multi-million dollar restoration of the Carmel Mission that should begin this May with the removal of the 1936 roof for a much needed seismic retrofit. At this point over 150 people have made a donation of \$5,000.00 or more and will be recognized on the Serra Memorial Wall, to be built in celebration of Fr. Junipero Serra's 300th birthday. A recent donor summed it up well *"You are restoring California's pyramids!"*

For more information www.carmelmissionfoundation.org

There will be a photo opportunity with check hand off, Thursday Feb 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the court yard in front of the church at 3080 Rio Road Carmel CA. 93923. Please advise if you can attend. 624-3261

The Carmel Mission Foundation (www.carmelmissionfoundation.org) is a California Public Benefit Non-profit Corporation formed to fund the conservation, preservation and restoration of the historical properties and artifacts of the Carmel Mission. The Foundation's focus covers four broad areas: to conserve and preserve the architectural integrity of the physical structures; to foster restoration of the Spanish-Colonial art and artifacts; to promote an understanding of the historical importance of the California Missions System; and to support historical and artistic exhibits and programs.