

## **Director of Community Recovery – June 2009 - Board Report**

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Hearts & Lives held our first annual Car Seat Safety Fair. 60 car seats and booster seats were distributed. CHP had two officers on site to inspect and install the seats. CalTrans participated to stress safe driving. Rim Family Services and Head Start were also present. We plan to apply in fall 2009 for another grant to repeat this program in 2010. First Five was the key sponsor allowing us to purchase new "Slow Down" rack cards and bumper stickers so that we may continue to educate the mountain drivers on safe driving and protecting the children of our community. The Hearts & Lives logo is on each rack card giving us great exposure. This was a very successful event.

COAD meetings continue to take place monthly. The COAD is moving forward with many local organizations participating.

Have finally completed the organizing of the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training through County Fire and local citizens. This training will begin on June 9<sup>th</sup> running for 2 ½ weeks. The training will be held in Green Valley Lake. This program is important to the mountain communities, once this one is complete we will work on getting one going for the Lake Arrowhead area and Crestline.

On Memorial Day weekend Green Valley Lake Disaster Foundation held their annual Pancake Breakfast. Prior to the Pancake Breakfast I was on hand to give both Assemblyman Paul Cook and Supervisor Neil Derry a tour of the Green Valley Lake burn area. This event was well attended and gave both gentlemen a chance to see the recovery progress happening in GVL.

Dave and I attended a lunch meeting with County Supervisor Paul Biane. This gave us a chance to discuss future disaster planning and the role Hearts & Lives would play in the Crestline area.

Julie Burnette and I are in the middle of planning the upcoming Benefit Concert being held in Lake Arrowhead Village on June 14. We are gathering many raffle prizes and will have two additional live auction items. We will also be promoting the collection of food for the Crestline Food Bank.

I have been working with Supervisor Derry's staff to handle issues with both the 2003 wildfire recovery, including debris removal, water, roads, and billing issues. On June 13<sup>th</sup> the county will conduct a public meeting to address the current issues.

I have met with the residents of Marin St. up in the Grass Valley Fire area along with county supervisor's office, solid waste management, and county fire to discuss issues pertaining to road repairs, debris and abatement removal, erosion, and the future removal of the dead trees burned in the 2007 fire.

I continue to create the 90 minute workshop presentation to be given in San Francisco on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the National Conference on Volunteering and Service. In addition to the conference Gov. Schwarzenegger will be announcing the winner of the Governor's Volunteer of the Year Award, which Hearts & Lives has nominated Ira Maser for.