Chinese American Club Raises \$25K for Turkey Earthquake Relief

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Members of the Chinese American Association of Rossmoor (CAAR) raised a total of \$8,200 in ten days from February 13th to 23rd. Then, thanks to the generous contribution of a recent CAAR member and Rossmoor resident, Grace Wang, who not only matched the CAAR donations, but in addition doubled her contribution making a total amount of \$25,200.00.



Grace and her late husband,
Peter C. Wang, have long
been involved with fighting
poverty and promoting
education through student
exchange programs. They

established the Wang Foundation in 2004 to promote cultural exchange and alleviate poverty worldwide. When Grace heard about the devastation and suffering of the survivors of the earthquake, she decided it was time for her to step forward to lend a helping hand.

The CAAR donation will be channeled through Tzu Chi USA, a not-for-profit international Buddhist organization devoted to disaster relief throughout the world. In the past the Tzu Chi Foundation had cooperated with CAAR to fundraise for the Paradise Wildfire Relief in 2018 and China's 8.0 Sichuan Earthquake Relief in 2008.

The funds donated by CAAR will be forwarded to the Los Angeles office of the Tzu Chi Foundation where another generous donor will match whatever funds were raised by Tzu Chi throughout the United States by February 28th. These funds will be distributed through various venues directly to the victims of the earthquake to meet their basic needs rather than through government agencies.

For further information on the work of the Tzu Chi Foundation, click on the link below https://tzuchi.us/blog/press-release-turkey-earthquake-fundraiser. For information about CAAR, contact Andy Chu at andyceylungchu@gmail.com.