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Imperial County Area Agency on Aging Receives Donation Toward COVID-19 Response Efforts

Today, the Public Administrator/Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) received a \$5,000 donation from the Imperial Valley Masonic Lodge to support the Agency's novel coronavirus (COVID-19) response efforts. Since March 17, 2020, the Imperial County AAA has been working in conjunction with state and local officials to continue serving the needs of Imperial County's senior population while helping to reduce the risk of spread to senior participants. The Lodge's donation will go towards the development of emergency relief bags.

About the donation, Tony Milanes, Master of Imperial Valley Lodge, stated, "On behalf of Imperial Valley Lodge No. 390, we are honored to provide this emergency donation to support the COVID-19 response efforts for vulnerable senior citizens in our community. As a lodge in the Imperial Valley for more than a century, many of our members are senior citizens. The efforts of the Area Agency on Aging are a critical lifeline for our valued senior citizens. Alongside our Masonic family, we call upon our fellow fraternal and non-profit organizations to support COVID-19 response and relief efforts throughout the state, and most importantly, in our local community." Imperial Valley Lodge 390 is the local lodge of Masons of California, with over 60,000 members and over 340 lodges located throughout the state.

In addition to providing daily meals to seniors, the Imperial County AAA is also assisting residents of long-term care facilities to connect with their family members by providing them access to video conferencing applications and the County's senior community with emergency relief bags, upon availability. The emergency relief bags may include water, toilet paper, tissue, toothpaste, body lotion, hand sanitizer and non-perishable food items.

"I would like to thank the Imperial Valley Masonic Lodge No. 390 for their generous donation," stated Rosalina Blankenship, Imperial County AAA Director. "It is organizations like this that help us continue to provide services and sustenance to vulnerable seniors and persons with disabilities during this unprecedented time."

The Imperial County Public Administrator and Area Agency on Aging offices are currently closed to walk-ins. If you are a senior needing assistance with food or other basic supplies, please contact the Area Agency on Aging office at 442.265.7030 to make an appointment or schedule a delivery.

For additional information, please visit www.aaa24.org or contact Monica Veliz De Leon, Information and Assistance Coordinator, at (442) 265-7030.

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