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**Tustin Community Foundation Hosts
13th Annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Breakfast**

The **13th Annual Mayors Thanksgiving Breakfast**, hosted by the **Tustin Community Foundation**, will be held on Thursday, November 19th to raise money to help fund grants awarded to worthy Tustin area non-profit organizations this spring. The public is invited to attend this worthy event along with community leaders from across the spectrum of local business, philanthropy and public service. The Breakfast will be held at the Salvation Army Tustin Ranch Church at 7:00am on the Thursday morning before Thanksgiving. The cost to attend is \$50 per person. Tickets are available at <http://www.tustincommunityfoundation.org> or by calling the Foundation office at 714-393-8506. Reservations are required.

The Tustin Community Foundation is privileged to have **Ambassador Gaddi H. Vasquez** as the keynote speaker. Ambassador Vasquez recently completed his service as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations Organization in Rome, Italy, and previously served as the Director of the United States Peace Corps, where his leadership led to the highest enrollment of field volunteers in 30 years. Ambassador Vasquez' public service also includes serving as the representative for the greater Tustin area on the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

Entertainment will be provided by the Pioneer Middle School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Victoria Cope, and Mrs. Liz Shenton's 1st Grade Class from Tustin Memorial Academy. Donations of non-perishable food donations for the Orange County Rescue Mission will also be accepted at the Breakfast.

During the past 2 years the Tustin Community Foundation has awarded over \$80,000 in grants and awards to more than 50 Tustin area non-profit organizations including the Tustin Public Schools Foundation, the Raise Foundation, the North Tustin Chapter of the National Charity League, LEAP Learning Center, Tustin Area Council for Fine Arts, Tustin Area Senior Center, Myford Elementary School, Tustin Eastern Little League, Elijah's Gift Food Distribution Program, and to the designated Red Cross Center located at St. Cecilia School to purchase a water purification system. Grant applications for 2010 will be accepted in January.

The Mayors Thanksgiving Breakfast is a wonderful way for the entire community to begin the holiday season while raising funds for local non-profit organizations.