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Vintners make \$1 million donation

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BUELLTON The Santa Barbara Vintners Foundation on Tuesday presented a check for more than \$1 million to Direct Relief, surpassing its record-setting goal to support the work of the medical aid organization.

The foundation has been supporting Direct Relief since 2000 and donates all of the funding raised during the biannual Santa Barbara Wine Auction to Direct Relief every other year, said Jenny Dore, outgoing president of the Santa Barbara Vintners Foundation.

The ninth annual event, held in March at the Bacara Resort & Spa, brought in \$1,022,000, which was presented in the form of a giant check to Thomas Tighe, CEO of Direct Relief, during a luncheon at the Hitching Post II in Buellton.

Direct Relief gets \$35 in medical aid for every dollar donated by the Santa Barbara Vintners Foundation, which translates to nearly \$100 million in medical aid since the inaugural wine auction, Ms. Dore said.

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Jenny Williamson Dore, past president of the Santa Barbara Vintners Foundation, presents a check for more than \$1 million to Thomas Tighe, CEO of Direct Relief, Tuesday at the Hitching Post II in Buellton.

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