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NEWS RELEASE

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Donations from Community Cover Funeral Expenses for Girl Killed in Traffic Collision on February 9, 2011, Families of Surviving Victims Still in Need

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During the past week, fundraisers have taken place throughout the community to assist the family of the girl killed in a fatal traffic collision on February 9, 2011. While Ceres Police Department is still investigating the incident, the department has been working with the family to assist in their efforts for the funeral arrangements. As a result, the arrangements have been made and paid in full with the generous donations from the community and local businesses like Lakewood Funeral Home and Roger Ernst & Associations, Inc.

The other two girls who were seriously injured in the collision are slowly recovering. One remains hospitalized at this time outside of the area and the other went home yesterday to continue her recovery. It has come to our attention that their families have very limited financial resources for all of the medical, travel, and other expenses associated with the hospitalizations of their children. Ceres Police Department has received some donations for these families from Roger Ernst & Associations, Inc. and Bet-Nahrain, Inc. Additional donations for these families would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone who wishes to donate funds and/or services to the families of the surviving victims of this tragedy may do so at Bank of the West, located at 2501 E. Whitmore Avenue in Ceres. The "Ceres Hands of Compassion" account is being used to collect donations and ensure proper distribution of funds. If you are interested in donating services or would like to assist in this effort, please contact Tony and Judy Esping with the United Pentecostal Church of Ceres at (209) 538-3565. This account will be set up to receive donations until March 1, 2011.

