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Lori and Sam Nouv, at left, receive checks totaling \$5,796 from Roberta Rivet of the Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce and Sal Antonelli from the Buon Tempo Club to help pay Nouv's mounting medical bills after he was severely beaten during a robbery in October.

Townpeople and Businesses Raise Over \$5,000 to Help Pay Nouv's Medical Bills

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A month-long fundraising effort by a number of local business owners and residents brought a big measure of relief to the mind and pocketbook of Sam Nouv who suffered a severe beating during a robbery at his donut shop on October 7.

"This all started out as a very small email campaign, but when Roberta (Rivet) at the Chamber got involved, it really blossomed," said Redwood Road businessman

Steve Dimick who, with the help of countless others including Ken Martin, Brian Morrison, Gary Bosley and Dennis Waespi, raised \$5,796 to help pay off the \$15,000 in medical bills Nouv is facing.

"I saw Sam right after the incident and just wanted to help," said Randy Hankin of All Guard Security Systems in Hayward who donated and installed \$850 in security-system enhancements at Nouv's shop. "He's been through a really tough experience and being in the com-

munity, we just wanted to help."

"This was not about raising money — it was really all about Castro Valley. We may have our disagreements, but when it comes to caring, we come through," Dimick said.

Nouv, who with wife Lori, work from 3:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, came to the U.S. from Cambodia. Sam began working at Lee's Donuts on Redwood Road 22 years ago and in 1990 the couple bought the business.