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Two Additional Worker Assistance Accounts Created for Injured Bridge Workers

The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) has created two additional worker assistance accounts for construction workers injured in the Oct. 9 bridge lowering accident over E. Grand Boulevard, as part of the 91 Freeway Project in Corona. Of the nine workers hospitalized that night, five have been released.

New accounts were set up for Jarell Boyd and Michael Richey, in addition to those established Oct. 17 for James Chaffee, Jr. and Gilberto Ortiz. Donations can be made only to the accounts that are currently established. As additional worker accounts are created, the public will have the option to donate to those accounts. Donations can be made at www.transportationfoundation.org/donate. Donors should use the “Comments” box to indicate how they would like their contribution to be designated.

All contributions deposited into a worker’s account will be distributed to a contact person identified by the family. There are no limitations on how the money may be used by the family of each injured worker. CTF will match donations on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to \$5,000 for each worker. Donations are not tax deductible.

“RCTC and CTF appreciate the ongoing generosity of the community through these accounts and encourage the public’s continued support,” said Anne Mayer, Executive Director of RCTC, which is the lead agency for the 91 Project. “Please keep the injured workers and their families in your thoughts.”

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CTF is a charitable transportation organization that supports California's transportation community with various programs, including financial assistance to highway and transportation workers injured on the job.

The CTF worked with RCTC and Atkinson/Walsh Joint Venture, the project's design-build contractor, to establish the worker accounts. All of the injured workers are employed by the joint venture.

The cause of the bridge lowering accident remains under investigation by Caltrans, Cal/OSHA and Washington DC-based KCE Structural Engineers. The length of the various investigations are still unknown but are expected to yield potential causes for the accident and determine the construction integrity and long-term safety of the bridge.

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