## VALLEJO HEROES RECEIVES ANONYMOUS CHECK FOR \$5,000

VALLEJO – The Vallejo City Council and Vallejo Police Department honored local heroes Alejandro and Almarosa Martinez at Tuesday night's Council meeting with plaques and certificates.

Martinez and his wife, both 25, rescued a toddler from Mare Island Strait on April 18 after the boy's mother allegedly tossed the child over the railing. Alejandro Martinez, a non-swimmer, jumped in and brought the child to the surface before his wife pulled them to safety using a dog leash.

One presentation in particular, though, had the standing-room-only crowd gasping in disbelief and standing and cheering with appreciation.

Vallejo Police Captain Tony Pearsall presented the Martinezes with plaques from the police department. He then took the microphone and announced that someone had made an anonymous donation of \$5,000 to the Martinez family.

"The person who made the donation had a similar incident happen in her life," Pearsall said. "Her daughter was caught in the surf and someone saved her life. Alejandro's act of bravery brought back a lot of memories."

The Martinez Family was overcome with emotion at the announcement. A total of \$5,800 in anonymous donations was presented at the Tuesday evening ceremony.

Family and friends of three-year-old Robert Harris Jr., the little boy Martinez saved, were also in attendance.

"I'm in their debt forever because my son means the world to me and my world would have been taken if they hadn't been there to save my son," said the boy's father, Robert Harris.

Contributions to Alejandro Martinez may be sent to P.O. Box 287, Vallejo, 94590.