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FOUNDATION



GRANTS FOCUS TOPIC: ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Enid Singer
Jennifer Tankersley
Paula Powers

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Stephanie Casenza

Stephanie is originally from New Orleans and has lived in San Diego for the past 32 years. She majored in journalism and works at her alma mater, San Diego State, as an Associate VP in University Relations and Development. Her passions are cooking, walking, golf and reading. Stephanie was introduced to the SDWF by Linda Katz, whom she knew through LEAD San Diego, and other existing members. She joined because of her desire to make a difference and to learn more about non-profit organizations. Stephanie is interested in the grants committee and membership.

COMMUNITY PARTNER INFORMATION

April Workshops Jewish Family Services Economic Crisis Response Program

Workshops are being offered as part of JFS Economic Crisis Response Program. Some of the workshops are: Avoiding Foreclosure: Finding Solutions for Concerned Homeowners, Benefits and Resources, How to Reclaim Your Sleep, Stress Reduction (Series of 5 Workshops), Career Planning and Job Skills, and Bankruptcy: A Financial Strategy for Troubled Times. All the workshops are free and open to everyone. For a complete listing, check our website at

www.jewishfamilyservicesd.org

Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF)

Hour of Hope Evening
Thursday, May 14, 2009
5:30-6:30pm

7490 Opportunity Rd.,
Ste. 202

San Diego, CA 92111

More children will die from youth violence than cancer this year alone. Youth violence is an epidemic that needs a cure. You are invited to learn more about TKF and our efforts towards breaking the cycle of youth violence. You

SPECIAL THANKS

SDWF would like to say a special thank you to Victoria Danzig for recently hosting a wonderful neighborhood gathering. Her warm hospitality and the offering of her beautiful home provided a perfect venue for others to learn more about SDWF and connect with like-minded women.

SAVE THE DATES

The Education Committee Presents:
“Getting the Biggest Bang for Your Philanthropic Buck”

Monday, May 18

12-1:30pm

Elementary Institute of Science: 608 51st Street, San Diego, CA 92114

Guest speakers and SDWF Members Valerie Jacobs and Victoria Danzig will be discussing how we can become wiser, more effective and satisfied givers during these challenging times.

Cost: \$15 per person to cover the cost of lunch. Please send cash or check in advance to: SDWF 2508 Historic Decatur Rd., Ste. 200 San Diego, 92106

RSVP: via the electronic PINGG invitation or to Ciera@sdfoundation.org.

SDWF's Annual Grants Celebration

Open to EVERYONE!

Tuesday, June 2

6:00 – 8:00pm

Q-Auditorium at Qualcomm: 6455 Lusk Blvd. San Diego, CA 92121

Join us at this inspirational events as we:

Hear our Civil Society Community Partners share how our grants have helped them this year
AND

Meet our new Economic & Employment Development Community Partners

Everyone is invited! Bring friends, family and prospective members... It is a "*wonderful, feel good, makes you proud you are a SDWF member*" evening!

An electronic PINGG invitation will be coming to your inbox in early May or email Ciera@sdfoundation.org to RSVP. See you there!

GRANTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Implementation Team

April is an exciting month in the SDWF. Our Grants Committee site visit teams have completed their analysis and funding recommendations regarding 7 of the 21 original Economic & Employment Development grant proposals submitted.

On April 14th we heard Site Visit Team reports and voted on which proposals would proceed to the general membership ballot. Now it is your turn. **Beginning April 21 through May 5, every SDWF member has the opportunity to vote for proposals which she would like to have funded. Ballots will be emailed directly to you!**

will not be asked for money, however you will be asked for feedback and your opinion on the situation. www.tkf.org. RSVP to [Katie Bowles](mailto:Katie.Bowles@tkf.org) or (858) 565-0800 ext. 101

Vista Community Clinic's Spring Fling
\$20 for adults; \$10 for children
Details coming soon!

For more information, call Jenny Jones at 760-631-5000 x 1418.
www.vistacommunityclinic.org

thoroughly reviewed, thoughtfully considered, and deemed to be worthy of funding. Because every member gets to vote on this, the final vote becomes our **collective choice** as to which organizations become our newest community partners. We have many members who choose to participate in SDWF because they value the power of pooling our resources, our continuing attention to best practices and "cutting-edge philanthropy".

We celebrate our community partners and their amazing work at our Grants Celebration Event each year. This year's celebration is on June 2nd at 5:30pm at the Q Auditorium at Qualcomm. Mark your calendars and plan to share in this exciting evening!

BOISE BOUND

On March 4 – 6 SDWF Director Tracy Johnson and President Elect Cindy Olmstead headed north to join the Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation in Boise to celebrate their \$1M grant milestone into the Boise community. In spite of a sleety reception that caught your leaders without jackets, hats, mittens or boots we arrived dripping wet to loud cheers (or is that jeers?) that Southern Californians truly don't know how to dress for cold weather. The soggy welcome did not deter us from quickly becoming inspired as we became acquainted with wonderful women who represented other women's foundations throughout the country including, Austin, Coeur d'Alene, Laguna Beach/Orange County, Minneapolis, Seattle, St Louis, Sun Valley. One of the highlights was to get to know Colleen Willoughby, the founder of Washington Women's Foundation and the inspiration for each of these foundations. Linda Katz and our founders used the Washington model as a guide when establishing our San Diego Women's Foundation nine years ago. There were many wonderful insights that we gained such as:

- There are 22 women's foundations currently throughout the country.
- Realized anew the collective power of women philanthropists making real differences within our own communities
- Each Foundation has the same goal: to make significant impact within its communities, yet each group has its own unique structure
- One of our main functions is to help educate women on how to be significant philanthropists by teaching skills, e.g. grant making.
- We need to also teach our members how to measure the expanded and extended impact of our granting dollars
- There are opportunities and different models to meet our members' needs for flexibility

We hope to continue these insights and generate dialogue around them within our own membership. The Power of Pooled Philanthropy is alive and well. We are eager to tell more so do not hesitate to ask us, "*How was Boise?*"

SDWF COMMUNITY CHAMPION IN THE MEDIA

The San Diego Women's Foundation would like to recognize the media's role in getting news about philanthropy out into the community. At this year's Grant's Celebration in June, the "SDWF Media Advocacy Award" will honor an individual who makes this effort in an ongoing and deliberate way. We need your input about which journalists and media professionals you think should be considered for this honor. Please send any suggestions to Tracy@sdfoundation.org to be shared with the Marketing Committee.

IN HONOR OF MOM

Looking for the perfect Mother's Day gift? Want to do something very special on behalf of your mom or special loved one? Your donation to the SDWF can honor her or someone you love AND make a special impact on the community. Please consider a contribution to the endowment or grant fund and demonstrate the power of women's philanthropy in San Diego. We gladly accept check, stock or credit card. Contact [Tracy Johnson](#) (619) 814-1374 for more information.

OTHER PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

The San Diego Foundation (TSDF) Visioning Workshop

"Lets Imagine..."

Thursday April 23

8-11am

Carlsbad City Library

The Regional Vision Initiative ("RVI") is a potentially multi-year venture launched by TSDF's Civil Society Working Group and guided by the "Regional Vision Group," a special committee of The Foundation's Board of Governors. RVI's overarching goal is the creation of a 50-100-year strategic vision and subsequent action plan for the greater San Diego region that encompasses the shared values and priorities of all its residents.

The program will feature a special presentation by Elizabeth "Boo" Thomas, President / CEO of the Center for Planning Excellence (C-PEX) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. C-PEX coordinated Louisiana's massive visioning process that guided recovery and growth after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. For more information visit, <http://www.visionpdx.com/>, to RSVP email regionalvision@sdfoundation.org.

