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GRANTS FOCUS TOPIC: ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

Tina Hansen

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Paula Powers

Paula Powers was raised in Michigan where she attended college and law school at the University of Michigan. Paula practiced law and taught law school for several years before embarking on overseas work stints with her husband, including 3 years in Hong Kong in the 1980's, and 5 years in Australia in the 1990's. More recently, Paula and her husband have been based in San Francisco and regularly visited Rancho Santa Fe for long weekends. These long weekends

GET INVOLVED WITH SDWF COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF)

TKF's Violence Impact Forum is an innovative and interactive in-school violence prevention assembly designed to steer elementary, middle, and high school students away from violence and gangs toward inspiring, positive, and nonviolent choices. TKF's assemblies present the "TKF Story" and convey the message of forgiveness and peace through real stories.

June 18, 2009

9:30am-10:40am

University Heights

June 23, 2009

9:00am-10:15am

San Ysidro

RSVP is required to Katie Bowles at Katie@tkf.org or (858) 565-0800 ext. 101

La Jolla Playhouse

Unusual Acts of Devotion

June 2-28, 2009

Written by Terrence McNally

Directed by Trip Callma

Mandell Weiss Theatre

West Coast Premiere

Media Night - June 10, 2009

Donor Night - June 7, 2009

Ticket Prices: \$30-\$75

Restoration

June 23-July 19, 2009

Written by Claudia Shear

Directed by Christopher Ashley

Mandell Weiss Forum

World Premiere

Media Night - June 23, 2009

are now turning into a full time life in Rancho Santa Fe. Paula has always been active with non-profit work and is looking forward to getting involved with the Grants Committee. Paula heard about SDWF through a newspaper article and she joined after attending the Neighborhood Coffee at Victoria Danzig's house in La Jolla. Thank You Victoria and Welcome Paula!

SAVE THE DATES

SDWF Summer Blast- New Event!

Thursday, July 16th

5-8pm

The Home of Suzanne LaTour

Get to know more about SDWF, get to know our members and celebrate Summer! Guests are welcome and we hope each of our members can bring at least one guest to join us!

AUGUST

Stay tuned for details about our August Neighborhood Connection...

SEPTEMBER

Don't miss the Education Kick-Off event AND the Neighborhood Connection at Nancy Spector's home! Details coming soon!

GRANTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

9th Annual Grants Celebration

The SDWF invested \$201,000 in grants to local non-profit organizations at our 9th Annual Grants Celebration on Tuesday, June 2. We are honored to be able to support their critical work in the area of Economic & Employment Development: helping lower paid, lower skilled workers prepare for and move into higher paid, higher skilled jobs with the intent of strengthening the middle class in the San Diego region.

Congratulations to our 4 newest Community Partners:

Alliance for African Assistance: *Medical Interpretation Certification Program, \$30,040*

East County EDC Foundation: *The Grossmont College OPT Program, \$43,720*

Home Start, Inc.: *Home Start Economic & Employment Development Program, \$65,000*

International Rescue Committee: *Career Development Program, \$62,240*

These new grants raise the SDWF's total investment in the San Diego region to \$1.74 million granted to 49 community partners.

Ticket Prices: \$30-\$75

San Diego Museum of Art Avedon: Portraits of Power June 6 – September 6

Following the 2008 presidential election season, the San Diego Museum of Art brings together for the first time more than 180 political portraits by Richard Avedon, America's pre-eminent portrait and fashion photographer, in *Richard Avedon: Portraits of Power*. Juxtaposing images of government, media, and labor officials with photographs of activists, pop-culture icons, and ordinary citizens caught up in national debates, this exhibition explores a five-decade photographic inquiry into politics and power by one of the country's best-known artists.

Jewish Family Services Economic Crisis Response Program June Workshops

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 Search Skills; and Bankruptcy: A Financial Strategy for Troubled Times. All the workshops are free and open to everyone. For a complete listing of our workshops:

<http://www.jewishfamilyservicesd.org>

Downtown El Cajon Events

Cajon Classic Cruise Wednesdays, 5 - 8pm Main Street and Magnolia Avenue, Downtown El Cajon

Cajon Classic Cruise features hundreds of classic, custom, and hot rod cars as well as "Bike Row" motorcycles in a street festival setting every Wednesday evening through September 30. Always free of charge to participate and attend, each week features a different theme.

Concerts on the Green Fridays, 6 - 8pm Prescott Promenade, Downtown El Cajon

Click this link to view pictures of the Annual Grants Celebration:
<http://picasaweb.google.com/SDWFpics/SDWF9thAGCJune22009?authkey=Gv1sRgCPvV9rOBnl-1Hg&feat=directlink>

ENVIRONMENT DISCOVERY TEAM

The Environment Discovery Team, working under the Grants Committee, has been learning about local environmental issues, in order to identify a meaningful focus for grants awarded in 2010. Since September, twelve SDWF members held meetings, conducted interviews, sponsored community meetings, surveyed our members, and learned a lot! Leigh Hartman and Lynn Owens chaired the Team; Anne Fege assisted with contacts and summary reports; and all met many knowledgeable and committed community leaders. This short news item outlines what we learned from the interviews, and upcoming "ENews" notes will describe the community meetings and other steps along the "environment discovery" trail.

Environment Discovery Team members interviewed a cross-section of community and environmental leaders in the San Diego region, in October and November, 2008. The 54 interviewees characterized the natural essence of San Diego as open spaces, year-round recreational activities, places for children to play outdoors, sunshine, clean air, clean water, wildfire, natural beauty, and vistas. They identified the greatest threats to our quality of life and sustainability as land use and energy, current environmental conditions, urbanization and sprawl, lack of mass transit, water supplies, climate change, and lack of political leadership. They listed recent positive trends as greater public awareness, "green" businesses, environmental groups, funding levels, and emphasis on structures to reduce wildfire risks. When asked what local efforts (such as the SDWF grants) would best improve quality of life and sustainability, interviewees cited environmental education, land acquisition, restoration, renewable energy technologies, water conservation, leadership, and protection of canyons and watersheds. The 25-page summary report is posted at www.sdwomensfoundation.org/news/resources.html

MEET OUR NEWEST COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Alliance for African Assistance: *Medical Interpretation Certification Program, \$30,040.*

The Medical Interpretation Certification Program will certify 20 refugee interpreters to work in the demanding settings of medical and dental practices where opportunities for full-time, well-paid employment are growing. The participants will fill the language gap created by the increase in non-English speaking residents of San Diego. The interpreters will allow patients to be fully informed of their medical circumstances and be able to provide "informed consent" to

Enjoy these beautiful summer nights by joining us for Concerts on the Green, the free weekly summer concert series featuring live music for all ages. July features Diamond is Forever, Scott Martin Latin Soul Band, The Farmers, and Bill Magee. All of your favorite tunes come alive when they hit the stage; song selections include hits from the 50s through the 90s - tunes to please everyone!

Saturday Morning Clean-Up

Saturday, June 27

9:00 - 11:00 am

100 Block of East Douglas Avenue (follow directional signs to the large parking lot)

Spend your Saturday morning making a difference in Downtown El Cajon! Join our team of volunteers as we remove trash and identify graffiti in downtown neighborhoods to keep them clean, safe, and inviting.

More details on the above events:
www.downtownelcajon.com or call (619) 401-8858.

Vista Community Clinic

2009 Holiday Homes Tour

Sunday, December 6, 2009

The 23rd annual tour will feature four lovely homes professionally decorated for the holidays. The tour benefits Vista Community Clinic's Kare for Kids Fund, providing needed medical care to more than 11,000 children each year.

procedures and medications recommended for care.

East County EDC Foundation: *The Grossmont College OPT Program, \$43,720*

The OPT program offers skills training, personal/crisis counseling, and job placement and retention services at no cost to low-income and at-risk students from a variety of age groups, socioeconomic levels, and ethnic backgrounds. In the fall and spring semesters, 60 students will acquire work and life skills while they earn degree-applicable credits in Accounting, Insurance, Banking/Financial Services, and Office/Administrative Support. In its 24-year history this program has trained and placed more than 2,000 individuals in office-profession positions, offering ladders to career advancement and empowering graduates to end their dependence on public resources by achieving economic self-sufficiency.

Home Start, Inc.: *Home Start Economic & Employment Development, \$65,000*

H-SEED Program is a unique collaboration with San Diego City College, Internal Revenue Service, San Diego EITC Coalition and Jobing.com. The program links unemployed or low-income people to careers in accounting, business and/or tax preparation through intensive training, internship and career development. The anticipated H-SEED enrollment is 30-40 individuals with a projected 80% of the students completing the program and obtaining their California Tax Education Council license, resulting in employment with a sustainable wage.

International Rescue Committee: *Career Development Program, \$62,240*

The Career Development Program (CDP) will help newly arrived refugees transition from their initial entry-level job into higher wage, higher skilled careers. CDP will achieve this through one-on-one case management assistance and a Vocational Education Loan Fund. These services will assist refugees to navigate complex educational systems, make sensible choices, and allow them to borrow funds at a reasonable rate to pay for educational programs. In its first year, CDP will assist 80 currently-employed refugees aged 16 and older to gain the skills, licenses and certifications necessary to attain professional careers that pay a sustainable wage.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Learning Luncheon Fun *Getting the Biggest Bang for Your Philanthropic Buck*

Thirty members and guests recently shared a fun and interactive (complete with music) learning experience organized by SDWF's Education Committee. The event took place at the Elementary Institute of Science, a 2006 Education Community Partner. SDWF member Victoria Dornin kicked off the session by sharing scientific

evidence about the positive health benefits related to giving. Having explored the emotional benefits of giving. Victoria then handed the microphone over to Valerie Jacobs who shared key factors for maximizing the effectiveness of financial contributions to philanthropic causes. Valerie recommended tools and resources to support a strategic approach to giving. We then used a structured questionnaire to evaluate our own approaches to philanthropy. Members left the event feeling informed about how they could become even more effective philanthropists especially in these challenging times. We look forward to the next learning event presented by SDWF's Education Committee.

ADDITIONAL PHILANTHROPIC LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SDWF MEMBERS

San Diego Grantmakers Invites SDWF Members to Attend:

Philanthropy and the Economy: A Session for Environmental Funders

June 24

8:30-10:30am

Cost: Free to SDWF members

The San Diego Foundation

2508 Historic Decatur Rd., Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92106

Care about the environment? Help identify ways the grantmaking community can work together on this important issue during the recession.

Increase Your Impact by Storytelling

July 10

8:30-11:30am

Cost: \$50 for SDWF Members

Casey Family Programs

3878 Old Town Ave., San Diego, CA 92110

Story is Power! This workshop will help you gain skills to effectively use storytelling in your organization.

Learn more at <http://www.sdgrantmakers.org>