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COMMUNITY PARTNER INFORMATION

Tierra Miguel Foundation & Farm

HOPS for POPS

Brew Off and Camp Out

Saturday, June 18

2:00pm

Location: Tierra Miguel Farm

Cost \$5 to \$25

Fathers Day Weekend on the farm

BBQ - Outdoor Movie – Farm Tour

For more information: (760) 742-4213 or

csa@tierramiguelfarm.org

Camp Stevens

Dig In! Garden Eco Adventures

July 5 - 9

Cost starts at \$385/camper

Dig In! is summer camp, with an earthy

twist. From feeding egg-laying hens to

eating just-picked carrots, Dig In! gives

campers 8-15 a fresh sense of respect,

responsibility and curiosity toward the

natural systems that bind our planet

together, combined with the traditional fun

of summer camp – including archery,

climbing wall, arts & crafts and swimming!



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER ...

Michelle Sterling

SAVE THE DATES



Getting to Know the San Diego Women's Foundation
June 29, 2011
5:30 - 7:30pm

Raymond Executive Board Room
The San Diego Foundation

Let us help you kick off your summer right! Join the San Diego Women's Foundation for an evening reception to experience the impactful difference we are making through the power of pooled philanthropy, ask questions, and meet some of our amazing members! This fun, informal gathering will explore what happens when inspiration meets dedication – changing our community in countless and critical ways.

Wine and light appetizers will be served.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact [Bridget](#) or (619) 814-1351.

Neighborhood Connections

July 28th at the home of Catherine Blair – Del Mar
October 5th at the home of Berit Durler – Point Loma

These intimate gatherings are a great way to learn about the San Diego Women's Foundation while getting to know our members. More details will be provided soon!

SDWF's Education Grants Kick-Off

September 21
Details TBA!

A SPECIAL NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

Thanks to everyone who celebrated with the SDWF on June 7 as we awarded \$181,650 to 5 Oscar-worthy Arts and Culture non-profit organizations. Oh what a night it was! [Take a look at the photos from the event at USD's Institute for Peace and Justice Center.](#)

MEET OUR NEWEST COMMUNITY PARTNERS

California Center for the Arts Escondido – *My Story: Literacy Through the Arts*
Amount Granted: \$25,000

My Story began in 2006 and collaborates with the Escondido



Information contact Ashley at 760.765.0028 or Ashley@campstevens.org.

SEEDS: Eco-Logic for Teens

Dates available through Spring & Fall

Cost starts at \$50/student

SEEDS: Eco-Logic for Teens is experiential outdoor education for junior & senior high school students. Designed to empower and educate students to be environmental stewards at their schools and in their communities, these programs are two-day/one-night, and customized to each class's academic requirements, classroom personalities, and interests.

[Explore our program mission, a sample schedule and opportunities for customizing your class's retreat.](#) For more Information contact Ashley at 760.765.0028 or Ashley@campstevens.org.

Summer Camp Sessions

And offsite wilderness backpacking and rock climbing sessions. Visit their website www.campstevens.org for more information and registration.

All programs are held at Camp Stevens' beautiful Diocesan camp near Julian in the mountains of San Diego.

Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve Junior and Little Ranger programs resume this July!

Junior Rangers (ages 7-12) meet for one hour at 10am weekdays July 18-29. Little Rangers (ages 4-6 with adult) meet for 45 minutes at 11:30 on Tuesdays starting July 19th. The programs are free, but state park parking fees (\$10 per car) apply. For a full schedule, see www.torreypine.org or email JuniorRangers@torreypine.org

School District. SDWF funds will support the continuation and expansion of the program to 600 fourth and fifth graders (20 classrooms) that currently have no other arts curriculum. The six month program consists of ten 50-minute in-classroom sessions led by the Center's Teaching Artists in conjunction with classroom teachers; a trip to the Center; and a public exhibition.

The fourth grade program teaches California History through drama and language, bringing a new and innovative approach to standard curriculum. They incorporate storytelling and role-playing, research, journaling, and creation of historical "artifacts". Fifth grade students work with digital photography and descriptive writing of personal expression. Both programs end with a public community-wide exhibition of the students' creations at the Center. Throughout the process, the teachers are educated on how to continue using these "experiential learning" teaching methods in other subjects and with other students.

An independent consultant produces a yearly evaluator's report which has shown increased quantitative results in oral, written, and critical thinking skills; visual/language arts; teamwork; and self-esteem. SDWF funds will support staff and teaching artists' salaries, the independent evaluator, and costs for upkeep of cameras, photos and other supplies.

Eveoke Dance Theatre – *REFUGE in the Arts*
Amount Granted: \$32,000

Eveoke Dance Theatre cultivates compassionate social action through performance, arts education and community building. The purpose of this grant is to explore "refuge from cycles of violence" through a year-long, dance training program for 10-18 year-old students in North Park.



REFUGE in the Arts connects underserved youth with interactive arts and culture experiences in 5 unique ways: (1) An Outreach Performance Group of 16 to 25 students will participate in 3 technique classes and a weekly rehearsal and will choreograph a 60 minute assembly derived from the Company's program on domestic violence. (2) The Outreach students can also audition for the month-long run of *REFUGE* at the LaJolla Playhouse in June, 2012. (3) At 80+ school assemblies for 18,000 K-12 students, the students will have an opportunity to think about new ways to communicate their feelings and respond when they experience abuse, bullying. (4) Community service projects will provide 160 hours of dance-based activities serving North Park youth. (5) Community programs will be presented at Eveoke and other venues.

Eveoke has been running this program for 11 years. 63% of SDWF funds will go toward salaries for the community service coordinator, dance instructors, and student stipends so that they see themselves as paid performers; 12% will offset increased rent and utilities; 25% will be used for performance support.

Playwrights Project – *Writing Lives*
Amount Granted: \$29,650



Within the page there lives a world of possibilities. The Playwrights Project *SEEDS* program combines three elements: interviewing techniques, where the student interviews members of the community (often a family member), a playwriting program, and a live theatre component, where professional actors come into the classroom and read the students' scripts. This grant proposes to provide the *SEEDS* playwriting residencies to two schools: one in Lakeside and one in San Ysidro. Underserved young people, primarily second language learners under the guidance of teaching artists, become playwrights and create stories for the

Since the sources of the stories come from within or from interviews, students identify issues about which they feel passionate. During this creative phase the world of words offers a safe place to explore issues, and solutions can be tested. Students' writing and communication skills are developed using teaching "best practices." As the students' creative worlds take shape, playwriting allows them to explore behavior in nonviolent ways, safe behind the mask of fictional characters.

Finally the stories are honed and move from page to stage. To hear and see one's story acted out is a very powerful experience. Being a playwright can open new doors of thought and understanding and allow students complete control of their world as a writer, often quite unlike their own lives.

SDWF funds will be used primarily for salaries and stipends for teaching artists.

San Diego Center for Children – *Therapeutic Music Program*
Amount Granted: \$45,000

Founded in 1887, the San Diego Center for Children provides health and therapeutic support services to children and teens struggling with mental health challenges. To children in the Residential Program, the Center is school, home, and their last chance before a "lockdown" facility. To children in the Academy, it is the non-residential K-12th grade school where they develop the skills needed to reintegrate into a community school.



The *Therapeutic Music Program*, with its focus on singing and playing instruments for enjoyment and self-expression, is an integral part of the Center's curriculum. Under the guidance of Sundiata Kata, the very dedicated and dynamic Music Director for 41 years, students participate in Health Rhythms (therapeutic drumming), singing, instrumentation, music appreciation, and "Blues Thursday", an "open-mic" jam session where the children sing, dance, play instruments, and interact with their peers and staff.

The choir and instrumentalists have demonstrated their talents, interest, and enthusiasm for music in community performances at the U.S. Grant, Salvation Army, and Camp Able. Upon graduation, those students for whom music has been very important are given their own instrument, a vital tool to helping them get involved with musical activities in their communities.

Through this program, the 200 children learn to use music for self-expression, to build coping mechanisms, and to improve their social and cooperation skills, thereby enabling themselves to reintegrate into society.

SDWF funds will go toward Mr. Kata's salary and the purchase of additional instruments.

San Diego Opera – *Words and Music*
Amount Granted: \$50,000



Words and Music is a comprehensive, intensive 12-week residency program presented to 300 at-risk students in 5 San Diego schools, grades 5 through 10.

Students experience firsthand the profound process of creating a work of art, specifically their own original opera, and its effect on a live audience. They learn the dynamic connection between words and music and how to use them powerfully in story telling. In small groups students

and strategize as together they develop their opera libretto and musical score.

The San Diego Opera contracts opera practitioners with extensive experience in arts education as teaching artists who meet with students using a standards-based curriculum, three times per week for several hours. Classroom teachers receive 6 hours of training which, over time can equip them to carry the program forward.

Students keep journals and portfolios, critique their work and interact freely with the professional singers who will sing their student opera at its final presentation to 1,500 students plus faculty and parents. Teachers report both behavioral and academic improvement measured by observation and pre- and post-tests.

The San Diego Opera has created a life-changing educational program that not only teaches music and lyric composition but also improves literacy skills. SDWF funds will support salaries and consultants' fees.

MEET SDWF's 2011-2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2011-2012 Board of Directors are listed below. To read more about them, please [click here](#).

Board / Chairs:

Eileen Haag, president
Teresa Jacques, vice president
A.J. Frank, treasurer and finance chair
Susie Zlotnik, secretary
Cindy Olmstead, past president

Catherine Blair, grants chair
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Julie Ruedi, grants implementation chair
Rita Solberg, discovery chair
Erica Ueland, governance chair

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Dana Dahlbo
Berit Durler
Pam Hamilton Lester
Leigh Hartman
Valerie Jacobs
Elaine Kalin
Suzanne LaTour
Gail Vetter Levin
Ashley McElravy
Bethel Nathan
Lenore Ringler

SDWF ON AIR & IN THE NEWS

SDWF and Eveoke Dance Theatre were featured on the CW6: San Diego Living program. If you missed the early morning broadcast, take a look now.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=md8s8HUIJ18>

SDWF featured in the Union Tribune. Gifts help group pass \$2 million in donations. Read all about it.

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/jun/08/gifts-help-group-passes-2-million-donations/>

San Diego Daily Transcript: Women's Foundation presents \$181K to 5 community partners

<http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?SourceCode=20110519tga>

Carlsbad Patch: The San Diego Women's Foundation to Present \$181,650 to Five New Community Partners

<http://carlsbad.patch.com/announcements/the-san-diego-womens-foundation-to-present-181650-to-five-new-community-partners-at-it-2011-arts-culture-grants-celebration-3>

Carlsbad Patch: Eileen Haag Named as President of The San Diego Women's Foundation's Board of Directors

<http://carlsbad.patch.com/announcements/eileen-haag-named-as-president-of-the-san-diego-womens-foundations-board-of-directors>

Imperial Beach Patch: Eileen Haag Named as President of The San Diego Women's Foundation's Board of Directors

<http://imperialbeach.patch.com/announcements/eileen-haag-named-as-president-of-the-san-diego-womens-foundations-board-of-directors-9>

GRANTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Discovery Team - Education Focus

The Education Discovery Team (ED DT) wrapped up a year of research early this month. Presently, the team is editing and finalizing the Education Grant Guidelines. These guidelines include the criteria to be used by organizations that will be applying for grants from SDWF in the fall. Stay tuned and attend the Grants Committee meeting in September, when the Grant Guidelines for Education will make their debut.



OTHER PHILANTHROPIC LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

San Diego Grantmakers invites SDWF members to attend:

Working Better Together: Collective Impact in Action

Presented in partnership with:


San Diego Social Venture Partners and United Way of San Diego County

Monday, June 20, 2011

8:00AM-12:00PM

USD Joan R. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice



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