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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER!

Christine Hickman

SAVE THE DATES

Holiday Party for SDWF Members

Monday December 10, 2007 6-8pm

Location: The home of Carol Chang in La Jolla

Join us for holiday cheer with tasty snacks and good friends. This event is open to members only and we will be collecting donations for one of our community partners involved in the San Diego wildfires. Please watch for an Evite with more details to come.

Grants Committee Meetings:

Proposal Review Training

Tuesday, January 8, 2008 Noon-2pm

Girl Scout Headquarters 1231 Upas St. San Diego, CA

Site Visit Training

Tuesday, February 12, 12-1:30pm

Girl Scout Headquarters 1231 Upas St. San Diego, CA

*If you are a grants committee member and interested in participating in proposal review and/or site visit training, please mark your calendar as these are mandatory.

The San Diego Women's Foundation

Community Partners

Thursday, November 27, 2007

The 4th Annual Angels Foster Family Luncheon

Registration begins at 11:15am
Hyatt Regency La Jolla at
Aventine

3777 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, CA

Lunch tickets \$75.00 each
(619) 283-8100

The luncheon is a very informative and uplifting experience, well worth the \$75 ticket price! It's all about the kids and making a difference! Darling performances and exciting raffle items!

Visit www.angelsfoster.com for more details.

Saturday, November 17, 2007

El Cajon CDC - Lend A Hand Saturday Morning Clean-ups

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Join the El Cajon CDC for Lend A Hand's Monthly Saturday Morning Clean-ups! Spend your morning meeting your neighbors and making a difference. Wells and Graves Avenue

El Cajon CDC will provide the cleaning tools. We need you to supply the elbow grease. San Diego E-waste will be collecting electronic waste such as computers, laptops, printers, cell phones, and TVs. El Cajon CDC will also be collecting batteries. Morning refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP with the El Cajon CDC by calling our

"An Evening of Inspiration and Recognition" for SDWF Members

Thursday, January 31, 2008 6-8:30pm

McMillin Events Center- NTC

This will be an evening to recognize and inspire all current and former members of the SDWF and celebrate the impact of the organization on our community. Results of the Impact Team's analysis of the SDWF's first 6 years of granting will be released. Watch for an Evite coming soon.

Stories of the Streets (SOS)

"Starting to do drugs in the fourth grade." "Going to six middle schools in one year." These were among the stories told by four young people at "Stories of the Streets" (SOS), the SDWF Education Committee's follow up event to the September kick off. More stories had been requested and thirty members attended the program on November 5, at TSDF to listen to struggles faced by young people, and how they managed to make good choices when faced with adversity and the critical turning points in their lives. It came through clearly that mentors, strong family influences and positive places for them to go were central to keeping the young people focused on moving forward. These stories and the question-answer session gave our members deeper insights into the influences that could make a difference when the fork in the road is faced.

Civil Society Grants to Focus on Middle-School-Age Youth

How is the SDWF's Civil Society 2007-2008 grants cycle relevant to you? Do you have children? Grandchildren? Are you concerned about their future and/or the future of children in general? Here's *your* chance to do something to make that future better!...

SDWF's **goal**, through the grants we make this year, **is to build resiliency of youth living in vulnerable communities of the San Diego region by supporting community action programs which help middle-school-age youth (approximately 11-13 years old) develop positive skills and behaviors.**

While we admit that "Civil Society" is a tough nut to crack, we have tackled the topic with gusto, and --over a year's time, through research, listening to the voices of the community at large, as well as *your* voices-- we came up with a definition that reflects one San Diego view of Civil Society: *community action in which individuals and organizations come together to develop the community they envision.* As we continued to narrow the focus, based on input from you and the community, we finalized it with establishment of the goal above, envision a community where at-risk youth will be helped

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Monday, December 3, 2007 San Diego Grantmakers invites SDWF members to a

"Year-End SGD Member Reception with County Supervisors Ron Roberts and Greg Cox".

5:30-7:30pm at

Junior Achievement BizTown
4756 Mission Gorge Place San Diego, CA \$20 per person includes reception and valet parking. Visit www.sdgrantmakers.org for more information.

Saturday, January 19, 2008 Monarch School's Diamond in the Rough Gala

Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt

Natalie Cole will be making a rare San Diego appearance at the Century Club Diamond in the Rough Gala benefiting Monarch School.

Monarch is a school for homeless and at risk kids in downtown San Diego. The premier event will include wine tasting, a silent auction, dinner and entertainment including Monarch's calypso Steel Drum Band. Please contact Paula Kelly at pkelly@monarchschoools.org or 619-685-8242 x 227 to reserve a table or sponsorship, or to volunteer to serve on the Gala committee.

Visit www.monarchschoools.org for details.

to grow in positive ways.

We saw examples of those positive skills and behaviors in the young people who told us their "Stories from the Street" --powerful stories indeed, of how they developed or retained **resiliency** in the face of powerful forces that tempted or actually had taken them in undesirable directions! For each of these youth/young adults, there was *someone* and/or *some program* that supported them in making positive choices.

The young people who shared their Stories of the Streets told us about:

"starting on drugs in 4th grade; trying to bring siblings to school while the mother took the family to different places to evade abusive boyfriends; said they didn't want to do as their parents...they wanted to work at shining themselves as it was their path...without support and praise won't try."

Members who attended the Nov. 5 education meeting were unanimously in a felling moved by the young people's presentations -
- their strength, courage, resiliency. We invite YOU to learn more about and participate in a process which can help support children's development of behaviors and skills to avoid or surmount the risks to which they are exposed.

If you'd like to participate in identifying programs that support the positive development of at-risk youth, here are some opportunities for you:

- Join the Grants Committee
- Become a Proposal Reviewer
- Make Site Visits of Potential Grantee Organizations

For more information about the Grants Committee please contact the Chair: Cindy Olmstead at (619) 223-8933.



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