

Foundation gives grants to local nonprofits

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Women's Foundation will award \$152,700 to four

newly established local nonprofit organizations at its 10th annual grants celebra-

tion from 5:30 to 8 p.m. June 1 at the Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, San Diego.

This year's grants will be awarded to Camp Stevens environmental stewardship program, Torrey Pines Docent Society that connects nature to all ages, San Diego Coastkeeper marine debris program, and Ocean Discovery Institute.

"Our focus this year, in the theme of 'environment,' resulted in (awards for) programs that involve people in activities connected to local nature, promoting informed awareness of and personal responsibility for the natural environment of the San

Diego Region," said Cindy Olmstead, SDWF president.

Each year the foundation holds a rigorous review process for grants in specific interest areas, which include arts and culture, civil society economic and employment development, education health and human services and environment.

Next year, grants will be awarded for organization that focus on the theme of arts and culture.

Since its creation in 2000, SDWF has given over \$1.9 million to 53 nonprofit community programs. For more information, visit www.sdwomensfoundation.org.