

Gafcon Inc. partners with San Diego Women's Foundation

Gafcon Inc., a women-owned construction management and consulting firm, is partnering for the first time with the **San Diego Women's Foundation** in an effort to foster the development of young philanthropists in the region. "Education and philanthropy are some of Gafcon's core values, so this was a natural fit," said **Ashley McElravy**, a 25-year-old business development professional who has worked for Gafcon since 2007. "Professionally, my membership greatly enhances my business development role by providing me with access to a high-level network of professional women. Personally, I feel fortunate to be able to give back in such powerful and meaningful way, particularly at this stage in my career," say McElravy. She approached Gafcon's president and COO, **Pam Gaffen**, and made a case for supporting her participation with the San Diego Women's Foundation. Gaffen agreed to provide the financial support for McElravy's membership, making her one of only a handful of current SDWF members in their 20s. Yet, despite her age, McElravy has taken a leadership role in the organization, participating in its marketing and membership committees, as well as its strategic planning task force to provide a younger professional's perspective.

Cricket employees to perform repairs at The Arc of San Diego

On Saturday, more than 200 local employees of **Cricket** and members of **Rebuilding Together** will make repairs and perform other work at **The Arc of San Diego**, which serves 2,500 disabled San Diegans each year. The Arc will get a new water-wise garde, new appliances for its training kitchen, fres paint and several interior renovations. **Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña** and **City Councilwoman Donna Frye** will also be on hand to participate in the rebuilding activities. Entertainment will be provided by the **Monarch School Steel Drum Band**. Of all the volunteer events across the country, this one will be special in that CEOs from both organizations will be present: **Doug Hutcheson**, president and CEO of Cricket and **Gary A. Officer**, president and CEO of **Rebuilding Together**. Details in the media advisory and release below.

Task force formed to study future of Balboa Park

Mayor Jerry Sanders and **Councilman Todd Gloria** have asked **Vicki Granowitz**, chair of the **Balboa Park Committee**, to lead a task force to "engage the public" in the formation of a new, nonprofit public benefit entity that would work with the city on management and fundraising to improve Balboa Park. "This conclusion is not the end of the process; in fact, it's only the beginning," said Sanders. "Over the next six months, this well-rounded group of Balboa Park stakeholders will hold public meetings on various aspects of this governance plan, including: what its relationship will be to the city and park support organizations; whether the proposed governance structure will require amendments or additions to the municipal code, council policies or the city charter and how the new governance body will be structured.

"The task force will explore what role this public organization would play, but I think is extremely important to point out is that this is not a private conservancy that will operate the park. Park operations will continue to remain in the city's hands. The importance of ensuring the park's continued health and vitality cannot be overstated. The park attracts 10 million visitors each year; it's a destination for tourists and an invaluable cultural and recreational resource for our citizens."

Balboa Park Task Force Members: