

**THE
SAN DIEGO
WOMEN'S
FOUNDATION**

Engaging women in significant & sustainable philanthropy

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San Diego Women's Foundation to Present \$201,000 to 4 New Community Partners at Grants Celebration

San Diego – May 27, 2009 – The San Diego Women's Foundation will award \$201,000 to four new community partners at its annual Grants Celebration on June 2 at the Irwin M. Jacobs Qualcomm Hall in Sorrento Valley. More than 250 people are expected to attend the community-wide celebration.

This year's awardees, now regarded as community partners, are: Alliance for African Assistance, East County EDC Foundation, Home Start, Inc. and International Rescue Committee.

These grants mark the ninth year of granting for the SDWF. "Our focus this year, 'Economic and Employment Development', was so timely and compelling and gave us an important opportunity to reach some very worthwhile groups," said Carol Chang, SDWF President. "The model of pooled philanthropy has never been more critical to our community and we're all so grateful to be on this team."

Each year the San Diego Women's Foundation enters a process of review for grants in specific interest areas, which include Arts and Culture, Civil Society, Economic and Employment Development, Education, Health and Human Services, and Environment. SDWF's upcoming focus will be the Environment with a narrowed field that is yet to be determined.

About the San Diego Women's Foundation

The San Diego Women's Foundation was established in 2000. SDWF's mission is to educate and inspire women to engage in significant and sustainable philanthropy in the San Diego region. Made up of 240 members who contribute \$2,000 each year for a minimum of five years, the SDWF has granted \$1,743,000 to 49 non-profit community partners since its inception and created an endowment of \$1.3 million. For more information, please visit www.sdwomensfoundation.org or call (619) 235-2300.

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