

SEPTEMBER 2012



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SAVE THE DATES

Grants Focus Kick Off

September 19, 2012

5:30pm

Roosevelt Middle School (3366 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92103)

Join the San Diego Women's Foundation for an informative, interactive, and inspiring Grants Focus Kick Off.



For many, San Diego is a strong, vibrant community filled with active, healthy people. Yet, the truth is that our community is not strong enough. Some people aren't happy. They aren't healthy. And it's often not their fault.

Despite their hard work, many cannot sustain themselves. They make just enough to rise above the poverty level, but not nearly enough to thrive in San Diego. They become less stable, less healthy, less happy. And so the community does, too.

The San Diego Women's Foundation believes there is another way. That's why our grantmaking focus in 2013 is on health and human services.

This year's Kick Off will feature a panel discussion about the history of the Federal Poverty Level and why we still use it today; the meaning of self-sufficiency and the Self-Sufficiency Standard; and why a living wage is essential to our communities.

The panel will be followed by three interactive breakout sessions (each guest will select two).

Please RSVP to [Bridget Murphy](#).

Getting to Know the San Diego Women's Foundation

October 4, 2012

5:30pm

The San Diego Foundation Hoffman Room

You're invited to join the San Diego Women's Foundation (SDWF) for an evening reception to experience the difference we are making, meet some of our amazing members, and hear from the Playwrights Project, one of SDWF's recent community partners!

Join us for a unique opportunity where new members, those interested in becoming members, and those that have been members for years come together and discuss what makes the San Diego Women's Foundation different - our unique dedication to collective giving and our sustainable impact within the community.

COMMUNITY PARTNER INFORMATION

International Rescue Committee

A Taste of the IRC

Thursday, September 20, 6:30pm

Del Mar Hilton - 15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar

Cost: \$50

A Taste of the IRC is the annual fundraiser for the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in San Diego. Guests will enjoy unique and delicious food made by refugee owned restaurants or local restaurants using produce from the IRC New Roots Community Farm. For additional information please contact Sharon Kennedy at Sharon.Kennedy@Rescue.org or (619) 641-7510 x249.

Home Start

Happy Hallo-Wine Garden Party

Saturday, October 6, 3-6pm

A Private Estate in Hillcrest

Cost: \$50-\$70

This event is in honor of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and will raise funds for Home Start's programs which provide critical assistance to San Diego County's most vulnerable children and families. Guests will enjoy a fantastic tasting of boutique wines, hand crafted beers and gourmet hors d'oeuvres. Purchase at <http://home-start.org> or contact Brad Pagano at (619) 692-0727 x144.

Vista Hill

23rd Annual Gala Celebrating 55 Years Operation Blast to the Past: A Salute to 1957

Saturday, October 13, 6-11pm

USS Midway Museum

Cost: \$275-\$3,500

You'll have an opportunity to make a connection with this dynamic group of women and our featured Community Partner, Playwrights Project. This fun, informal gathering will explore what happens when inspiration meets dedication - changing a community in countless critical ways.

Wine and light appetizers will be served.

Please RSVP to [Bridget Murphy](#) or through the Pigg.com invitation you may have received.

MEMBERS: GET INVOLVED IN YOUR OWN WAY SURVEY

This organization thrives on members getting involved in many ways and on many levels. This varies with time, interests, personality, skill sets, and talents. It hasn't always been clear on the ways that you, as a member, can engage in this organization that you care about, yet we need you in whatever capacity works for you.

Do you have special talents and skills that will benefit SDWF, certain things you like to do or new skills you want to learn? Here are great opportunities to get involved in your own way. The time commitment for each opportunity is listed in parentheses following the item, and most of these opportunities can be customized to fit your availability and time constraints.

And, if regular, ongoing committee involvement interests you, we have those opportunities as well. Committees typically meet once a month or on an as-needed basis.

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, please take 5 minutes on this survey (link below) and let's see how much more we can accomplish together, knowing that Women Can Do More Than Woman!

SDWF Survey Link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sdwfpopops>

GRANTS UPDATE

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

If you weren't able to make it to the First Grants Committee Meeting on September 5th, email us to get on the list to get involved! There are four areas for member involvement:

DIG - Discovery, Inquiry and Guidelines: this newly formed group will be looking at the focus area for next year, the Environment. The group's activities will occur in "clusters" from fall through spring, but will not be constant throughout the year. Watch your email for more information about DIG. DIG members need at least one year experience on one of the following: Discovery Team, Proposal Review or Site Visits.

Proposal Review: this team reads and scores the actual Health and Human Services grant proposals and decides which ones will go on to the next step of site visits. No experience required.

Training: January 8

Dates: Jan. 9 – 30 & Feb. 5

Team Leaders: Alexis Lasheras & Catalina Preskill

Site Visits: these members go out and visit the organizations that are seeking grants. They make recommendations to the full grants committee (all members who have participated in one of these committees this year) for inclusion on the final ballot. No experience required.

Training: February 12

Dates: March 4 – 29, April 9

Team leader: Ashley McElravy

To join a team, please e-mail [Bridget Murphy](#).

This year's net proceeds will benefit Vista Hill programs such as: Don Allen ParentCare Family Recovery Center; Stein Education Centers; SAFIR (Supporting Adolescents and Families in Recovery). For reservations or more information, please contact Jenny Cairncross at (858)514-5155 or email: jcairncross@vistahill.org.

Junior Achievement San Diego Business Hall of Fame Friday, November 2 Hotel Del Coronado

Cost: \$375-\$6,500

Junior Achievement's San Diego Business Hall of Fame is an elegant and inspiring evening that celebrates the accomplishments of remarkable members of the San Diego Business Community. Join us as we celebrate the best of the San Diego business community: Past, Present, Future. For more information, contact Arlene Tendick at (619) 906-4918 or atendick@jasandiego.org.

San Diego Center for Children 2012 Walk for Kids Saturday, November 3, 7am Mission Bay at Crown Point Shores

Cost: Free to register

A fundraising event to benefit the San Diego Center for Children, the Walk for Kids is a fun, family-friendly celebration, bringing together the children at the Center and our supporters in the community for a 5K walk around Mission Bay. Walk or run around the Mission Bay boardwalk and join us after for festivities! Register today at www.sdwalkforkids.org.

Vista Community Clinic 26th Annual Holiday Homes Tour Sunday, December 2

Cost: \$20 in advance/\$25 day of

The 26th annual Vista Community Holiday Homes Tour will feature four beautiful Fallbrook homes decorated for the season by professional designers. The Tour supports the Kare for Kids Fund, which enables Vista Community Clinic to provide pediatric care to all North County children regardless of their family's ability to pay for healthcare services. More information is available at www.vistacommunityclinic.org/HHT.

CONTRIBUTIONS DUE October 1

Fall contribution requests were mailed out in August for those members who joined in the summer/fall. These contributions will be going into this year's grants pool for Health and Human Services to be granted out in June. In addition, if you know someone who is interested in joining, now is the time as she will be making a difference in a critical area of need in San Diego!

If you have any questions please contact [Tracy Johnson](#). We accept checks, credit card payments, gifts of stock, and online contributions via our website. THANK YOU! Your commitment to SDWF is greatly appreciated as we continue to make a difference in the San Diego region ... TOGETHER!

Consider Corporate Gift Matching

Many companies have programs through which they will "match" the charitable contributions made by their employees. Through corporate gift matching, your employer can multiply your gift to SDWF, making it go even further. Check your company's Human Resources office to see if they offer gift matching. (If they don't, you may want to ask your company to start one.) If your employer does offer this program, your Human Resources department should provide you with a matching gift form to send to SDWF along with your donation. Conditions and criteria for gift matching vary by employer. Some companies offer a payroll deduction plan. For more information or if you are not sure if SDWF qualifies for your company's gift matching program, contact [Tracy Johnson](#) or (619) 814-1374 and we'll be glad to send information about our mission and organization.

SDWF ON AIR & IN MEDIA

See SDWF Board member and current Grants Chair, Catherine Blair, featured in the Del Mar Times for her commitment to philanthropy following her battle with cancer.

[Del Mar Times](#)

OTHER PHILANTHROPIC LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

San Diego Grantmakers doesn't want SDWF members to miss out on any upcoming events!

Annual Conference

Philanthropy In Concert

Wednesday, October 10, 8am-4pm

Joe & Vi Jacobs Center

Cost: \$150 for SDWF members

The San Diego Grantmakers 2012 Annual Conference, "Philanthropy in Concert: From Practice to Performance," will explore different philanthropic approaches and perspectives to help grantmakers accomplish more with their charitable efforts. And as the name implies, musical practice and performance will be the inspiration, so expect more than a typical conference – this will be philanthropy in concert!

Click here to learn more and view all that's being offered www.sdgrantmakers.org.