

# Sycuan donates \$50,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters

San Diego Charity News for August 15

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Sycuan Casino presented a \$50,000 donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County prior to the Aug. 6 John Ondrasik charity concert. The funds will benefit Operation Bigs program which joins children with parents in the military to volunteer Bigs who are in the military, retired or civilian.

Casa de Amparo's Casa Kids Campus in San Marcos, celebrated their expansion on July 21. The Walter J. and Betty C. Zable Foundation has offered a \$1 million challenge grant to support the next phase of the organization's capital expansion which includes a space for therapeutic services for abused and neglected children and families, and expansion of the Pregnant and Parenting Residential Services.

The Grossmont Healthcare District provided a \$24,375 grant to St. Madeleine Sophie's Center to assist SMSC with on-site nursing services for adults with developmental disabilities. SMSC educates and empowers individuals with developmental disabilities to realize their full potential. The Center also strives to educate the community about the realities of developmental disabilities, including Down syndrome, autism and cerebral palsy.

Another fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters was held on July 21. "The Big Summer Sizzle", sponsored by PIRCH and Andrews, Lagasse, Branch and Bell, raised \$17,000 to support San Diego County's newest mentoring program, "Big Futures", a post-High School career and education readiness program.

Health Quality Partners of Southern California will receive \$270,000 from Susan G. Komen San Diego to support the delivery of breast health diagnostic services for women under the age of 40 who are primarily low-income, underinsured or uninsured, and seeking health care from a community health center in San Diego County. Part of Susan G. Komen San Diego's 2016-2017 Community Grants program, the funds for Health Quality Partners will enable eligible patients to access mammography, surgical consultations, breast biopsies, ultrasounds, and ancillary services at no or minimal cost.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Symphony At Salk is being held on Aug. 20 at the Salk County yard. The San Diego Symphony is presented by the late Conrad Prebys and Debra Turner and features a special performance by Kelli O'Hara. Proceeds support the Institute's wide-ranging scientific inquiries that have yielded decades of life-changing discoveries, as well as educational outreach programs.

Ironside Fish & Oyster held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charity Shuck-A-Thon on Aug. 2. The event hosted eight female competitors to raise money for seven different charities. In 7 hours, the oyster

proceeds totaled \$6,725. Some of the charities included ECOLIFE Conservation, Future Legends, Food2Soil and San Diego Humane Society.

The County of San Diego declared July 29 as National Veterans Transition Services Live Well San Diego Day. NVTSI, also known as Operation REBOOT, helps veterans transition back to civilian life. Additionally, Ashford University donated \$12,500 to Operation REBOOT, an employer-driven initiative to reboot the lives and careers of transitioning service members and veterans, while Ingram Micro donated \$4,000. Both contributions help NVTSI to continue to promote employment in key industry sectors through job training and career matching.

The Globe Guilders and Neiman Marcus will present Celebrating Couture 2016 on Aug. 22 at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina. Underwriters include Audrey S. Geisel, Dr. Seuss Fund at the San Diego Foundation, Peggy Matthews, Silvija and Brian Devien Neiman Marcus and Sycuan Casino.

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