

Foundation's Gift to Help Improve Kids' Reading Skills



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The David C. Copley Foundation, formerly known as the Helen K. and James S. Copley Foundation, has awarded \$12,000 to the San Diego Center for Children. The funding will allow the center to cover

any expenses related to the Intensive Reading Improvement Program, including staff, materials and curriculum.

The Intensive Reading Improvement Program provides targeted instructional intervention through one-on-one and small group instruction for San Diego Center for Children Academy students who are a year or more behind grade level in reading ability

Moisés Barón, president and CEO of the San Diego Center for Children said: "The project will provide the academy with the ideal physical spaces to accommodate future enrollment growth and ensure continued academic and therapeutic program excellence for all of our students, including through our Intensive Reading Improvement Program."

The center provides evidence-based therapeutic, educational, foster care and transition age services to children and families struggling with mental, emotional and behavioral disorders. With eight program sites and community-based services within hundreds of homes and schools across San Diego County, the center empowers more than 1,000 people every day.

As the only provider of an Intensive Reading Improvement Program in the



Photo courtesy of the San Diego Center for Children

An educator works with a child as part of the San Diego Center for Children's Intensive Reading Improvement Program.

county for children with complex behavioral health needs, the San Diego Center for Children's program as well as the role of generous philanthropy continue to be crucial. Visit centerforchildren.org.

The nonprofit Gary and Mary West Senior Dental Center announced that it received a donation of health care products under a grant from the Henry Schein Cares Foundation global product donation program in partnership with the California Dental Association Foundation's dental materials and supplies grant. Through this program, Henry Schein Inc., the world's largest provider of health care products and services to office-based dental practitioners, provides recipient organizations with several health care product donations valued between \$5,000 and \$25,000 during the course of two years.

The grant will enable the Gary and Mary West Senior Dental Center to more effectively carry out its mission and expand its ability to provide care to low-income seniors in downtown San Diego.

Karen Becerra, CEO and dental di-

rector of the center said: "receiving these supplies will allow us to treat even more patients and continue to transform seniors' lives..."

The San Diego County Bar Foundation awarded \$290,000 to organizations through its Indigent Criminal Defense Fund, benefitting those that deliver effective legal representation and programs to assist accused people who cannot afford to hire an attorney.

Six nonprofits serving the homeless, juveniles, veterans and wrongly convicted criminal defendants in North County, Central/Downtown San Diego and East County will receive funds from SDCBF's 2017 grant cycle.

Grantees include: California Veterans Legal Task Force — \$30,000; California Western School of Law — \$100,000; Free to Thrive — \$30,000; National Conflict Resolution Center — \$50,000; St. Vincent de Paul Village — \$30,000 and Think Dignity — \$50,000.

The SDCBF manages two funds: one that provides much needed legal

resources to foster children and at-risk youth, the sick and disabled, the elderly, immigrants and domestic violence victims through nearly a dozen organizations every year and its Indigent Criminal Defense Fund. ICD funds are available due to the Private Conflicts Counsel program run by the San Diego County Bar Association. Visit www.sdcbf.org.

Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group was recognized for outstanding achievements in diabetes care at AMGA Foundation's donor reception in Phoenix, Arizona recently. AMGA honored Sharp Rees-Stealy with the Best Performance by a Large Group award.

"Together 2 Goal" campaign is AMGA Foundation's national initiative uniting 150 medical groups and health systems in an effort to improve the care for 1 million people with Type 2 diabetes by 2019.

As part of the campaign, Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group implemented best practices to improve the quality of diabetes care and reported results for patients with diabetes on a variety of measures, including blood sugar control, blood pressure control, lipid management and testing for kidney disease.

"Sharp Rees-Stealy is leading the pack in improving diabetes care," John W. Kennedy, MD, chief medical officer, AMGA and president AMGA Foundation said. "We are proud to collaborate with groups to improve care for 1 million people living with Type 2 diabetes." Visit sharp.com/srs

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NONPROFIT PROFILE | I Love A Clean San Diego

Organization

Mission: I Love A Clean San Diego leads and inspires our community to actively conserve and enhance the environment through example, outreach, and local involvement.

Founded: 1954

Address:
2508 Historic Decatur Road
Suite 150
San Diego, CA 92106

Employees: 25

Number of volunteers:
More than 31,000 annually

As San Diego's most influential advocate for sustainability, I Love A Clean San Diego has been an environmental catalyst, awakening passion and inspiring action, empowering everyone to improve the health and beauty of our local environment for more than 60 years. Last year, ILACSD connected more than 60,000 San Diegans to the environment, engaging nearly 33,000 youth and adults through educational workshops and classroom presentations; responding to more than 12,200 inquiries through WasteFreeSD.org, which is a one-stop resource to help residents and businesses recycle responsibly; and mobilizing more than 31,000 volunteers to remove more than 398,000 pounds of debris countywide.



Website: www.CleanSD.org

Smartest move: Surrounding myself with a talented and passionate team that is committed to protecting and enhancing the environment in San Diego County and beyond!

Misconception: Many think we coordinate just 2 beach cleanups a year; whereas we host over 260 countywide cleanups AND conduct over 850 educational presentations as well.

Events: Our largest cleanups, Creek to Bay on April 21 and Coastal Cleanup Day on September 15, engage thousands of volunteers countywide. Kids' Ocean Day on May 24 benefits more than 800 disadvantaged youth.

Wish list: To inspire more individuals and companies to invest more time, money, and resources to help us achieve a zero waste, litter free San Diego!



Executive Spotlight

Pauline Martinson
Executive Director

Birthplace:
Minneapolis, MN

Education:
UC Santa Cruz;
Bachelor of Arts Environmental Studies

Personal path to this organization:
In 6th grade, I was swimming in the ocean and almost suffocated on a plastic bag which kick started my lifelong goal to protect the ocean & environment.

Downtime: Aerial yoga, running at Sunset Cliffs, rooftop bars & BBQs.

Favorite quote:
"Be the change you'd like to see in this world" Mahatma Gandhi

Most like to meet:
Kristen Wiig or Amma (Hugging Saint)

Favorite place for business meetings: Solare Ristorante

Current residence: Point Loma



For information about how to be included in the Nonprofit Profile, contact Dale Ganzow at dganzow@sdbj.com or 858-277-4832.