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Grant Opens Door for Military Kids to Explore Environment



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the **Armed Services YMCA** and with **SDG&E's** donation, military children will be able to participate in wildlife exploration, games, crafts, and learn about pollution prevention and energy efficiency, all at no cost. The grant will cover camp fees, snacks and transportation costs for the children. "The Living Coast Discovery Center is a gem among the many environmental organizations that we at SDG&E are privileged to support," said **Pedro Villegas**, director of community relations for SDG&E. "We all know that serving our country can be hard on military families. Through this grant, SDG&E proudly supports those families by providing military kids with free participation in the center's exceptional environmental camp programs" ... **California Bank & Trust** branches

The **Living Coast Discovery Center** in Chula Vista was awarded \$25,000 from **San Diego Gas & Electric** to support the center's environmental camp program for military children. In collaboration with

collectively raised more than \$100,000 in the bank's 25th annual **United Way** fundraising campaign. More than 100 branches of the bank participated in the fundraiser. Bank employees participated by giving voluntary donations or electing to have a monthly withdrawal taken from their paychecks to support the fundraiser. Employees of the bank also volunteer at local **United Way** offices ... **Takeda California** donated \$25 for each of the company's approximately 200 employees to support **Scripps Health's** The Beat Goes On fundraiser for a total of \$5,000. The money raised will go to support Scripps' heart care program. "Working to improve people's health is what we do," said **Keith Wilson**, Takeda California president and chief scientific officer. "Through our research, we discover new medicines that can potentially be used by doctors to treat patients. Our mission is very much aligned with Scripps Health and we are thankful for their efforts to fight heart disease in San Diego" ... **Southern Caregiver Resource Center** was awarded The Rosalynn Carter Leadership in Caregiving Award, one of the nation's highest honors in the caregiving field. The SCRC staff flew to Americus, Ga., to accept the award,



Photo courtesy of Kutch & Co. Construction workers at the new \$110 million San Diego Mesa College Math and Science Building wore red on Feb. 1 to raise awareness of heart disease.

which was designed by **Frank Eliscu**, designer of the Heisman Trophy. SCRC was recognized by the **Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving** and **Johnson & Johnson** for its CALMA and CUIDAR programs serving Latino family caregivers. SCRC was also awarded a \$20,000 grant to continue its work and programs ... Construction workers at **McCarthy Building Cos. Inc.** projects wore red Feb. 1 to show their support of the **American Heart Association's** "Go Red for Women" Day. McCarthy also passed out information about heart disease at job sites to help raise awareness of the

number one killer of women. Participating locations included **San Diego Mesa College** Math and Science Building in San Diego; the **St. Jude Medical Center** Northwest Tower in Fullerton, **Mercy Joplin Replacement Hospital** in Joplin, Mo.; and **San Jacinto River Authority** surface water facility in Conroe, Texas ... The staff at **Hotel La Jolla** also showed their support for "Go Red for Women" Day. The hotel changed more than 100 lights on the hotel to be illuminated red and staff at the hotel wore red on Feb. 1. The hotel also donated \$10 from each booking of the GO RED package for the month of February to "Go Red for Women" ... The **San Diego Housing Commission** led the 7th Annual Project Homeless Connect event that provided hundreds of homeless individuals with free haircuts from professional stylists, medical and dental screenings and other goods and services. Additional partners of the event were **Family Health Centers of San Diego**, **Interfaith Shelter Network** and **St. Vincent de Paul Village**. Honorary co-chairs included Mayor **Bob Filner**, **San Diego City Council** President **Todd Gloria** and **Bronwyn Ingram**.

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