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**The Oceanside Charitable Foundation
2011 Grants Go to The El Camino High School and The Kid's College**

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Oceanside, CA -- The Oceanside Charitable Foundation awarded El Camino High School and The Kid's College \$15,000 each at its 2011 Grants Ceremony held Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the El Camino Country Club in Oceanside. This is the Foundation's third year of grant making for the community. *In its three year history, the Foundation has now granted over \$80,000 back to the community.*

"During this grant cycle, the Oceanside Charitable Foundation funded projects that addressed one or a combination of environmental education, water quality and conservation, and/or habitat and wildlife preservation," said George Brown, Oceanside Charitable Foundation Grants Committee chair.

John Todd, chair of the Oceanside Charitable Foundation, added, "We're pleased to recognize the outstanding work being done by El Camino High School's Energy Tech Career Pathway: Environmental Impact and Energy Conservation; and The Kid's College's Environment Extended Learning and Enrichment Program. We sincerely hope that the Oceanside Charitable Foundation's grants help with the school program's mission of bringing important attention to the environment and conservation to the citizens of the Oceanside community."

Todd noted that El Camino High School's Energy Tech Career Pathway: Environment Impact and Energy Conservation will educate students of Oceanside about the importance of energy and the unique needs of the areas' local and global environments. Students will learn about environmentally sensitive areas in Oceanside and the importance of alternative energy.

"Students will establish a working greenhouse," said Todd, "where they can learn about native Oceanside plants for habitat restoration, and also will learn about solar and wind power."

The Kid's College's Environmental Extended Learning and Enrichment Program will create and deliver after-school environmental and extended learning programs for elementary students and high school students in Oceanside.

"The Environmental Education program for elementary school students," said Todd, "will introduce them to local habitats, concepts and elements of conservation and preservations." Additionally, he said, The Kid's College will provide The El Camino High School and Energy Pathway students with an eight-week program where they will partner with classroom teachers and create incremental opportunities for the Pathway students to learn from a guest speaker program with local energy experts in wind, solar and water environmental opportunities, issues and career paths.

"We started the Oceanside Charitable Foundation in 2007," said Todd, "to help identify and meet the emerging needs of our community by encouraging and increasing responsible and effective philanthropy by and for the benefit of all who live, work and play in Oceanside. Ultimately, we strive to provide Oceanside community members with a vehicle for legacy planning and gifts that will benefit Oceanside now and into the future.

Oceanside community members interested in becoming part of the Oceanside Charitable Foundation can do so by making a donation of at least \$1,000. The first 100 who commit \$1,000 or more per year for five years will be designated "Founders." Todd noted that half of the money will immediately go into annual grant making, with the other half into a permanent endowment. All members will vote each year for the local programs applications they deem most worthy and most needed.

For more information on the 2011 grants recipients or the Oceanside Charitable Foundation, contact John Todd, 760-390-5227.

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