

BetterGiving Needs Assessment



Public Safety & Disaster



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The San Diego Foundation

Nonprofits are an essential part of San Diego. They cater to the ever-changing and unique needs of our community. The San Diego Foundation values our nonprofit sector, and the work of these organizations to enhance San Diego. We understand that a thriving nonprofit sector is important to the success of San Diego.

The 2010 Community Needs Report highlights the organizations that have portraits in BetterGiving (as of November 2010) and their most pressing needs whether they are volunteer needs or financial support for operations and/or specific programs. We encourage you to learn more about the organizations and their needs. The Community Needs Report is segmented into the different types of nonprofits that serve our community including: Animal Advocacy, Arts, Culture and Humanities, Community Improvement, Education, Environment, Health and Human Services, Public Safety and Disaster and Youth Development. All of the current needs listed come directly from the nonprofits in our community and are in their voice. Please support these organizations as they provide essential programs and services to our community.

The San Diego Foundation is committed to connecting donors' passion with nonprofit needs. BetterGiving, a new online resource, helps us do just that with its easy search capability and access to "portraits" of nearly 250 organizations that make our community a better place to live. A portrait contains information on the organization's leadership, programs, needs, accomplishments and financials.

To learn more about BetterGiving and/or research organizations that you are passionate about, please visit www.bettergivingsd.org or call (619) 235-2300 and ask to speak to a member of our BetterGiving team.

Burn Institute



8825 Aero Drive #200
San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 541-2277
www.burninstitute.org

Mission Statement

The Burn Institute is a nonprofit health agency dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths in San Diego and Imperial counties through fire and burn prevention education, burn survivor support programs, and the funding of burn care research and treatment.

Current Needs Include:

- To expand/improve our fire and burn prevention education and outreach to the Latino community. (\$50,000)
- To update the It's Your Choice I & II - bilingual fire and burn prevention education program for the 4th-8th (I) and 9th-12th (II) grade populations; includes Juvenile Firesetter Intervention. (\$35,000)
- Conference Center Furniture - The BI Conference Room is the central meeting location for the San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association, San Diego Fire Safe Council, San Diego-Imperial County Firefighters Advisory Council (FFACBI), Safe Kids Coalition, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT San Diego), Metro Arson Strike Team (M.A.S.T.), fire departments throughout San Diego County, and support groups. (\$12,500)

Community Assisting Recovery, Inc.



19360 Rinaldi St Ste 220
Northridge, CA 91326
(888) 216-8264
www.carehelp.org

Mission Statement

CARE's mission is to provide free comprehensive information about disaster recovery, including the insurance claim process, to disaster survivors so they may effectively reestablish their homes, lives and communities.

Current Needs Include:

- Ongoing funding is needed to help survivors of smaller disasters and individual losses where foundation money is not available. Any dollar amounts would be helpful, if we had \$20,000 a year we could afford a part-time employee to keep in contact with new clients and to assist with a quick start-up in case of a large disaster.
- Funding is also needed to update and improve existing informational handouts. The most pressing improvement would be to our personal property inventory booklet. This booklet can have the most impact for a homeowner who is faced with recording, from memory, every item that was in the destroyed house. The cost for updating this document would be approximately \$6,000.

Community Recovery Team, Inc.

10035 Blossom Valley Rd
El Cajon, CA 92021
(619) 778-3582
communityrecoveryteam.org

Mission Statement

To coordinate and provide emotional, physical, financial and spiritual resources to help rebuild the homes and lives of families affected by disaster.

Current Needs Include:

- Funding to establish LTR booths at the LAC's, after a disaster, will provide the CRT teams with direct knowledge and contact information from disaster survivors. This will result in timely contact with survivors, getting resources to the right folks as soon as possible. Communication with fire survivors to start their LTR and rebuilding will speed up the process of LTR by several months. In the event of a disaster CRT will set up booths at LAC's immediately.
- Funding for inter-agency and case manager training/ workshop: This is a critical phase of LTR training. We hope to have 20 to 30 trained LTR case managers who will be well versed in the protocols and procedures for LTR. This will result in agencies having available experts in the field much quicker. Having a well-prepared case to present at the Unmet Needs table will result in faster recovery and rebuilding for our fire survivors.
- Funding for recovery tool boxes will enable a CRT to set up and get up and running in a more timely fashion. This will reduce the LTR time for survivors. Our community leadership will not have to search for critical information. Disaster recovery software programs will be up and running for leadership to access. This will result in a smoother flow of vital information and access to resources for survivors.
- Funding for website improvements to provide access to LTR information for leadership and survivors will serve to bring the affected communities closer together through information technology- providing much needed recovery information to survivors in one location.

Fire Safe Council of San Diego County



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Lakeside, CA 92040
(619) 562-0096
www.firesafesdcounty.org

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County is to provide education, exchange information, and foster fire prevention and fire safety within the County of San Diego.

Current Needs Include:

- Fire Safe San Diego Regional Support Center Funding: Funding for this program will end on July 31, 2010. Any funding received for this program will go to staff, supplies and training materials.
- No-Cost Chipping Service Funding: Funding for this program will end on August 1, 2010. Any funding received for this program will go to funding staff, contractors for chipping, and defensible space educational materials.

North County CERT



337 E Mission Rd
Fallbrook, CA 92028
(760) 451-CERT
www.northcountycert.com

Mission Statement

This Corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes. The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are (i) to educate the general public about disaster preparedness including the hazards that may negatively impact their communities in the event of an extraordinary event and (ii) to promote public safety by organizing one or more community emergency response teams (CERT) to support and lessen the burdens of local government activities in dealing with disasters or emergencies including minor fire suppression, disaster medical assistance, and crowd and traffic control in the event that an extraordinary event should occur, and (iii) to conduct other educational and charitable activities associated with these goals as allowed by law.

Current Needs Include:

North County CERT Inc. must obtain sufficient funds to accomplish the below listed programs to meet their overall goal of complete area preparedness for any natural or man made disaster. This goal is in the future, however if it is not accomplished prior to a major disaster, it will mean we will not be able to quickly respond to a disaster.

- Program 1 - Emergency Supplies (Caches)/Stowage Facilities. (\$200,000)
- Program 2 - Emergency Command Centers. (\$260,000)
- Program 3 - Basic and Advanced Training for CERT. (\$190,000)

Ramona Emergency Assistance League

3355 Dye Road
Ramona, CA 92065
(760) -788 3962
www.Ramona-CERT.org

Mission Statement

The Ramona Emergency Assistance League (REAL) is a group of trained disaster service workers readily available in the Northeast San Diego County area. REAL assists communities during disasters and reduce the burden on government agencies. REAL promotes community awareness and provides training for disaster preparedness. REAL complements the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other national disaster relief organizations. REAL is a nonprofit organization funded by grants, donations, and fundraising events.

Current Needs Include:

- Communications equipment and generators. (\$30,000)
- Funding to cover training expenses. (\$10,000)

Rebuild RB (DBA RB United)

18402 West Bernardo Drive
San Diego, CA 92127
(858) 485-8502
www.rbunited.com

Mission Statement

The specific purpose of this corporation is to assist communities impacted by California Wildfires and disasters through long-term recovery, readiness, education, community support, and community service and work collaboratively with community organizations to contribute to the quality of life to those we serve.

Current Needs Include:

- Funding for website updating & coordinated calendar creation for community coordination and volunteer activities. (\$10,000)
- Funding to complete our regional catastrophic disaster project--to fund workshops on ICS, NIMS, ham radio communications, mass shelter; collateral materials for the community leadership teams (Rancho Bernardo, Scripps Ranch, Tierrasanta, 4S Ranch, Rancho Penasquitos, Fallbrook, Escondido, Poway, Carmel Mountain Ranch, and Sabre Springs); and community cache supplies. (\$18,000)
- Funding to support volunteers to be trained as instructors for the Home Ignition Zone Wildfire Education Program offered on the North County Inland Interstate 15 corridor and funds for participant workshop materials. (\$21,532)
- Sponsorship for disaster preparedness materials for 9-part senior and disabled preparedness workshops to provide preparedness materials for workshop participants, including adaptive rolling to-go backpacks, evacuation maps, EZ Read workbooks, important documents flash drives, first aid kits, two-week emergency food kits, and other items for low-income participants. (\$25,000)
- Volunteers to serve as buddies for senior and disabled residents in need of evacuation assistance, to canvass communities, and to support workshops focused on meeting the needs identified for evacuation assistance. This would include evacuating with pets, night-blindness, and mobility device issues, among others.

San Diego Regional Fire and Emergency Services Foundation

PO Box 40368
San Diego, CA 92164
(619) 814-1346

Mission Statement

Improve fire protection and emergency field medical services in San Diego County by supporting the 27 fire departments with volunteer firefighters in San Diego County, California.

Current Needs Include:

The needs of San Diego's 27 volunteer fire departments change from year-to-year as equipment wears out, medical supplies are used on patients, and newer or better equipment is needed as a community grows. The San Diego Regional Fire and Emergency Service Foundation seeks support to meet those changing needs.

Current needs include water tenders for communities with limited water supplies (no fire hydrants); upgraded extrication equipment (jaws of life) which can open newer high tech cars; rescue equipment where ropes have been frayed from use; and firefighter protective clothing and breathing apparatus which was been worn out.



The San Diego Foundation enhances our community by working with individuals, businesses and organizations to establish charitable funds. Grants from these funds support charitable groups and programs working to improve the quality of life in San Diego County and beyond.

With hundreds of philanthropic partners, The San Diego Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and public institutions in fields such as the environment, science and technology, the arts, civic engagement, education, health and human services, and other areas of need as diverse as the region.



Questions?

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