



THE 4S RANCH~DEL SUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RELEASES 2008 GUIDELINES FOR FIRST YEAR OF GRANTMAKING

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January 29, 2008 -- As the 4S Ranch~Del Sur Community Foundation continues its remarkable growth, its impact is resonating throughout the community. With the release of its 2008 grant guidelines, the Foundation will focus on youth education and or youth services in the 4S Ranch, Del Sur and the surrounding communities.

The 4S Ranch~Del Sur Community Foundation is in its first year of grant making. Each year the chosen grants focus area will change. In the current cycle, the 4S Ranch~Del Sur Community Foundation will only accept proposals in the field of youth education and or youth services.

The guidelines contain more specific information about applicant eligibility and the selection process that the 4S Ranch~Del Sur Community Foundation will follow over the next couple of months. They will be giving grants to programs and activities that result in improving educational opportunities for youth in the 4S Ranch, Del Sur and the surrounding communities. The 4S Ranch~Del Sur Community Foundation will fund youth education and/or youth services programs managed by non-profit organizations, schools or government agencies. Projects must be for youth ages 0-18 years and/or in grades Pre-K through 12. Special consideration will be given to projects that address: music, technology, literacy, art, physical education or recreation.

On January 31, 2008 at 4pm at the 4S Ranch library the Foundation grants committee will be hosting a grant seekers forum for organizations interested in applying for a grant to answer questions about the application process.

Once applications are received, the members of the 4S Ranch~Del Sur Community Foundation will vote to decide where the grantmaking dollars go. The deadline for grant submissions is March 3, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Grant guidelines are available to view and download at www.EndowtheRanchCommunity.org.

Adriana Amon, Chair of the 4S Ranch~Del Sur Grants Committee stated, "We are so happy with the quick progress we have made in our fund building efforts. With continued success, we hope to make at least \$15,000 available for grants with a minimum grant size of \$5,000. We are also excited that we not only have funds to give away now, but we have also built a permanent endowment to support 4S Ranch, Del Sur and the surrounding communities in perpetuity."

Endow the Ranch Community is a community-specific effort to meet the emerging needs of 4S Ranch, Del Sur and the surrounding areas by encouraging and increasing responsible and effective philanthropy by and for the benefit of all who live and give in those areas.

The 4S Ranch~Del Sur Community Foundation is part of a network of local affiliates of The San Diego Foundation, each serving the unique needs of communities throughout the region. These local affiliates are being formed within the 'Endow Your Community' effort of The San Diego Foundation's region-wide initiative, *Endow San Diego*. This multi-year initiative informs and inspires San Diegans regarding the benefit of endowment. Endowments are permanent charitable funds with the requirement that the principal is never spent. The balance of these funds is invested, earning income that is then spent to support charitable works in perpetuity.

Communities that have already joined this effort include Escondido, Oceanside and Carlsbad.

If you would like to join the 4S Ranch~Del Sur Community Foundation, or to get more information, please call Heather Dugdale at 858-385-1595, or e-mail heather@sdfoundation.org.

About The San Diego Foundation

Founded in 1975, The San Diego Foundation is a broad-purpose community foundation helping individuals, families and organizations carry out their charitable plans, with the common goal of improving the quality of life in the greater San Diego region, now and for generations to come.

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