

# The San Diego Foundation Chair's and President's Report

A Monthly Report to the Community

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## Donors Establish Funds with Gifts of Real Estate

Eugene and Joan Foster established the Eugene and Joan Foster Fund and the Foster Family Fund through the sale of a commercial property. The Fosters utilized The San Diego Foundation as a mechanism to benefit many different organizations. Here is how it worked: the Fosters gifted their property to The San Diego Foundation; The San Diego Foundation sold the property, and the proceeds from the sale were deposited into the Foster's non-endowment fund. The Fosters are now making grant recommendations to benefit organizations located primarily, but not exclusively, in San Diego County that promote civic, educational, cultural, religious, and humane or health-related activities.

Recently the Fosters also established a third fund, the Donald and Patsy Foster Memorial Fund, in memory of their son and his family, who were camping enthusiasts. The purpose of the fund is to support organizations that make camping available to children of need in San Diego County. For more information on giving gifts of real estate, contact Charlene Pryor at 619-235-2300.

## Your Personalized Fund Information: An Online Service for Fund Advisors

We will launch a new online service for our fund advisors in the next few weeks. "Your Personalized Fund Information" is a secure site that provides fund advisors with access to up-to-date information about their fund activity and gives them the ability to recommend grants online. With a user ID and password, you now have access to your current fund balance, contribution history, grants paid, quarterly status reports, forms, on-line grant suggestions. For more details, to try a demo, or to sign up for a user name and password, please call your fund manager, Deborah Hoffman, Renetta Happe, or Valerie Attisha, at 619-235-2300. This is a very convenient and safe service that is easy to use.

## Scholarships Inspire Both Students and Donors

As students head back to school this September, many of them are benefiting from scholarship awards they have received from generous donors. The students benefit from the financial support and from the inspiration they receive from having someone believe in their abilities. The scholarship donors benefit from knowing that they are helping one or more students along on their road to academic achievement and future successes.

Inge Lehman is one such donor. Inge is a strong supporter of students, especially those who are new arrivals in this country, as she herself is an immigrant from Germany. She created the Lehman Family Scholarship Fund in memory of her only son, Andrew, and her husband, Peter, who both passed away several years ago. She and her current husband, Chet Barta, created the Barta-Lehman Musical Scholarship Fund to help students further develop their musical interests and skills. Over the years these funds have allowed Inge to award many scholarships and have given her great satisfaction. As she says, "I like to do things at the local level because I can see it work. I can see the opportunities in front of these bright young people, and I want to help them seize those opportunities."

In 2001 Inge's funds awarded two scholarships to promising young people. One of these is LaJoy Cooper, who graduated from Mission Bay High School in June and will be attending Virginia State University. LaJoy was involved in many extracurricular activities in school, including serving as President of the African-American Student Union. She knows that her going to college will set a good example for her younger siblings and give her a wealth of opportunities by which to learn and grow. She has passion and ambition, and these qualities, in combination with the financial support she is receiving from scholarships, will help her succeed in college and in life.

## Grants Improve Children's Oral Health and Hygiene

The San Diego Foundation created the Children & Youth Oral Health Initiative with a grant from The California Endowment through the League of California Community Foundations. The initiative was designed to provide oral health prevention and education services to San Diego's hard-to-reach and under-served communities whose youth so commonly suffer from debilitating gum and dental disease. Since October 2000, eleven community-based organizations have received over \$350,000 in funding to provide oral health services in San Diego. These services include dental sealants for children, oral health education for parents, and improved referral systems for primary care physicians. Preliminary reports indicate that thanks to the work of these organizations, more than 20,000 children and families who would otherwise have been without care have been screened, received educational materials, or accessed needed oral health services.

## Directory of Foundations Available for Purchase

The seventh edition of the San Diego County Directory of Foundations is available for purchase. It lists grantmaking organizations (foundations and corporate philanthropic programs) that award grants to San Diego County organizations. It also provides information on foundations that provide scholarships. The price is \$50.00, which includes tax. Postage is an additional \$5.20. Call 619-235-2300 to request an order form.

## New Donors Join The Foundation

*Maxine Hosaka*

*George and Kimi Wilson Family Fund, 2001*

Maxine established this fund to honor her late aunt and uncle, George and Kimi Wilson, and to carry out their desire to support animal welfare programs and provide scholarships to students interested in pursuing a career in animal welfare. George and Kimi Wilson did not have any children, but they cared for many animals at their home in Del Mar. They envisioned selecting worthwhile projects that would benefit the animal kingdom and using the fund as an educational and motivational tool for the next generation.

*Dr. T. Roy Nakai*

*Leslie Akemi Nakai Memorial Endowment Fund, 2001*

Dr. Nakai, a Pediatric Dentist, established this fund in memory of his 25-year-old daughter Leslie who passed away on December 4, 2000. He wanted to create a lasting memorial for her life. Leslie was his only child, and he wants to make her life meaningful by contributing to the community in her memory. This fund will support a memorial scholarship fund at California State University, Dominguez Hills, and will benefit the International Heart Institute in Missoula, Montana and San Diego Children's Hospital-PICU, providing funds to further education and research and/or treatment in the area of congenital heart defects.

*Deborah Szekely*

*The Immigration Museum of the Californias Fund, 2001*

Deborah Szekely created the Immigration Museum of the Californias Fund to support a cutting-edge museum that will develop educational technologies to celebrate the courage and achievements of immigrants to the Californias. Using cyberlinkages, the museum will connect the world's genealogical databases to one of the largest immigrant populations in the world. Visitors of all ages and educational backgrounds will access cyber-technologies to understand their own and the world's history, geography, and economy, and to learn how our diversity - if we educate all our people - can make us more competitive as a region. As a Western counterpart to the Ellis Island experience, the museum will invite families to register their own histories, discover more about their ancestors and pay tribute to their forebears' heroism. And by honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of migrants and the dignity of the history and cultures they bring to our region, the museum will promote a greater sense of membership and foster awareness of the importance of immigrants' full participation in our civil society.

*The San Diego Foundation's purpose is to improve the quality of life in all of our communities by promoting and increasing responsible and effective philanthropy.*

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