

Community Service Association Newsletter

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Message from the CSA Board of Directors

Now in its 58th year, CSA has helped San Diego Unified School District employees donate over \$11 million to charitable organizations in our community.

Thank you, CSA members, for giving from your heart. We are launching this newsletter to give CSA members an overview of the organizations that your donations support. Each month we will profile an organization that received a grant from CSA this year. We hope that you enjoy reading about the great works made possible by your donations.

Profile of Alpha Project

www.alphaproject.org



Since 1987, Alpha Project has been committed to providing meaningful opportunities to men and women motivated to change their lives through hard effort matched with the support of talented human service professionals. Over the past 25 years, Alpha Project has grown from a single program offering supportive employment to homeless men and women into an agency that spans all of San Diego County and reaches as far north as the Bay Area. While the agency has grown, its values have remained unchanged and with those values to guide it, today Alpha Project affects the lives of thousands of men and women each day, creating

opportunities for disadvantaged individuals and families to lead lives of greater independence and self-determination.

Alpha Project's social service programs offer support designed to address the full range of needs for men and women with substance abuse disorders, histories of incarceration and other involvement with law enforcement, mental illness, physical disability and other special needs. Participants in those programs include working age men and women from throughout San Diego County, representing the ethnic and cultural richness characteristic of the area. Among Alpha Project's programs are:

Homeless Outreach—A public service program that employs teams of trained outreach workers to engage the homeless on San Diego's streets, offering connections to housing and other services through Alpha Project and its dozens of partner agencies.

Neil Good Day Center—San Diego's only full-service center for the general homeless population, offering access to specialized services, showers and restrooms, mail and messages seven days a week.

Winter Shelter—The City of San Diego's only public seasonal shelter program offering more than 200 beds of shelter to men and women from December to March and providing daily meals, primary and mental health care, referral to long-term housing and additional support for participants.

“Alpha Project appreciates all of the support that we receive from CSA each year. With this funding we are able to purchase much needed supplies for the 4,000 men, women and children that we serve each day who are homeless, low income, or formerly incarcerated that struggle with substance abuse disorders, mental illnesses, physical disabilities and other special needs.”

CSA Mission Statement

The Community Service Association of San Diego Unified School District is a nonprofit association organized to solicit contributions from district employees for recognized charitable agencies in San Diego County which support the arts, education, health and human services.