

# Community Service Association Newsletter

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### Message from the CSA Board of Directors

This year CSA's annual membership drive continues through December 9. We ask all CSA members to share information about CSA at your site or department. Please visit CSA's website [www.sandi.net/staff/csa](http://www.sandi.net/staff/csa) to see our new logo and the San Diego Unified Board of Education resolution recognizing the work of CSA over the past 60 years.

Thank you, CSA members, for your generous donations which support charitable agencies throughout San Diego County!

### Profile of Computers 2 San Diego Kids (C2SDK)

Computers 2 San Diego Kids (C2SDK) believes all children and their families in San Diego, regardless of their economic status, need to be computer literate and have equal access to technology and the crucial educational, occupational, and financial resources that technology can provide to improve their educational options and their futures.

Based on a study by the San Diego Regional Technology Alliance 28% of San Diego County families have no computer. Additionally, the US EPA estimates that approximately:

- 65.7 million desktop computers,
- 42.4 million computer monitors, and
- 2.1 million laptop computers

are in storage nationwide and NOT being used.

Computers 2 San Diego Kids closes this gap by refurbishing computers and placing them in the homes of low-income families. Used computers are recycled by C2SDK providing individuals and corporations with a socially responsible and green alternative to disposing of electronic waste. Used hard drives are wiped clean (by data security standards) and reloaded with essential software that allows recipients to have access to key resources.

Since 2005, C2SDK has provided more than 140,000 children with the computers necessary to improve their lives. Each computer includes Microsoft and more than 1,000 educational programs.

Each family receives training, technical support, and life-time replacement should their computer fail. And the Connect2Compete partnership with Cox provides affordable internet, ensuring the entire family has the tools to access life's opportunities for at least the next 10 years.

Partnerships are vital to the growth of the organization. By collecting and refurbishing computers from individual donors and over 100 corporations, C2SDK provides valuable technology that has been traditionally denied to low-income families. In 2016, C2SDK became the recipient of all electronics recycled by San Diego Unified School District, ensuring that more than 30,000 systems will go back into the homes of San Diego's students. CSA's support will help strengthen this initiative.

To make the Technology Assistance Program effective C2SDK has forged strong relationships with the San Diego County Office of Education, district superintendents, school principals, and teachers to help identify families where the computers would have the greatest impact. Working with the schools, C2SDK hosts computer distribution events on campus, bringing affordable technology and internet access to the families in their own communities.



For more information about C2SDK, please visit [www.c2sdk.org](http://www.c2sdk.org), email [info@c2sdk.org](mailto:info@c2sdk.org), or call (858) 200-9787.

### 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.*