

Community Service Association Newsletter

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Message from the CSA Board of Directors

Happy 2021!

In this time of new beginnings we thank you, our CSA members, for your generous contributions which give hope and a new beginning to San Diegans in need!

The effects of the pandemic are felt deeply throughout our community. If you can, please take an opportunity to share from your heart: Consider increasing your monthly CSA donation and/or telling a co-worker about CSA.

In this month known for hearts and for celebrating love for others we would like to share some messages of thanks and love to you, the CSA members, who have heart!

"Thank You CSA ..."

"One of the best things about working at the San Diego Rescue Mission is being able to see relationships mended between the students and their families. For some of our men and women it has been years since they have had contact with any family member. Your kindness shines a light of hope to so many struggling neighbors during the busy holiday season. Because of you, we get to see their joy come to life when the restoration takes place. You give the families the gift of reconciliation this holiday season...We thank you for your gracious heart." – *Donnie Dee, President/CEO, San Diego Rescue Mission*

"I wish to thank you very much indeed for your kind, generous donation of books for my office! As you know, the model for Reach Out and Read is to provide not only age-appropriate books, but also culturally sensitive. The providers in my office who speak Arabic, Farsi, and Chinese were elated to have books for their patients. Your donation helps us to do this. Thank you on behalf of all the children in our practices." – *Ingrid L Martinez-Andree, MD, Children's Primary Care Medical Group*

"On behalf of the thousands of homeless neighbors served by Father Joe's Villages, thank you for your recent donation of \$400. As we work to meet the needs of our community during this uncertain time your continued support is more critical than ever...Our mission remains the same, to prevent and end homelessness, one life at a time. I'm pleased to share that despite all the challenges in 2020, we have helped more than 1,000 people secure permanent housing. Thank you again for your generous contribution, which makes this important work possible." – *Kristin Wiggins, Senior Director of Development, Father Joe's Villages.*

"The Moores UCSD Cancer Center is in partnership with the Light One Little Candle Foundation, a non-profit organization that encourages parents undergoing cancer treatment to read to their children. The program distributes new children's books to cancer patients through the Cancer Center's Patient and Family Education Center. We thank you so much for the generous donation of \$500. You are to be commended for your compassion in caring for and helping others. Because of your generosity, the Cancer Center will be able to further offer books to cancer patients to share with their children. Your donation will give incredible joy and comfort to our patients and their families!" – *Charlotte Perry / Patricia Freund, Co-Chairs, Light One Little Candle Foundation*



**For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it.
Amanda Gorman, "The Hill We Climb"**

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.