These Helping Hands Were Winning Hands for Carlsbad Charity



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The La Costa 35 Athletic Club, a local nonprofit, hosted its 6th Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament recently to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad. The event was

held at the Rancho Santa Fe Motor Club and Storage to accommodate the sold-out event. The poker tournament began in 2011 and has tripled its attendance and raised more than \$185,000. Tournament Director Rob Holzman said, "There were 26 poker tables, nearly 250 players, and net proceeds of over \$55,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad — an alltime record!" The catering was from **Bushfire Kitchen and Major Events.** The title sponsor was Christian Credit Counselors. Gold Sponsors included A.O. Reed, Cox Business, Crestview Capital Advisors, the Manhole Poker League, Morrison Insurance. State Farm Insurance, Trinity Homes Synergy One Lending, and Whiting-**Turner**. Big screen TVs were courtesy of Digitainment/Home AV TV Design and Infinite Satellite. HRE Performance Wheels donated the top auction prize of the evening — a set of four custom forged wheels.

San Diego-based Atlas General Insurance Services, has been included in Insurance Business America magazine's inaugural Top Program Administrators report. Insurance



Business America has assembled a guide to some of the country's top program administrators providing insurance solutions to niche industries with tailored programs designed to meet their every risk management need. This list features 28 companies servicing the unique needs of a wide range of industries across the country.

Vista Community Clinic hosted the annual Health and Hope for Our Youth Gala recently at the Omni La Costa Resort & Spa. More than 600 people attended gala and raised more than \$250,000 to benefit the clinic's Project REACH youth development program for disadvantaged students. Proceeds from the gala also benefit efforts to improve pediatric facilities at VCC.

The San Diego Foundation announced 2016 was the most generous year of grantmaking in its 41-year history, with \$58.5 million awarded to the nonprofit

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community. Since 1975, the Foundation has stood as San Diego's leading community foundation, facilitating charitable giving for one of the largest donor networks in the San Diego region. President and CEO Kathlyn Mead said, "For 41 years, we have worked side by side with donors, community leaders, local government, businesses and many others to facilitate positive social change for the entire region."

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In 2016, the Foundation supported several social impact areas, including (but not limited to): education, \$21.8 million; health & human services, \$9.4 million: civic society, \$7.7 million; arts & culture, \$6.9 million; vouth development, \$4.7 million: and environment, \$3.8 million. More than 1,600 nonprofits received 5,650 individual grants, mainly from donoradvised funds at the Foundation. In addition to supporting a variety of nonprofits, donor-advised funds also help local students achieve their

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academic goals. In 2016, more than 140 scholarship funds within The San Diego Foundation Community Scholarship Program helped 829 students pursue higher education.

The Foundation ended FY2016 with \$672 million in assets invested and managed, of which more than \$400 million are held in endowment funds to benefit the region forever. The Foundation also established the Fund for the Future, an endowment fund that enables donors to respond to unforeseen challenges and seize opportunities to address the most pressing needs of our region, now and in the future.

Sustainable Surplus Exchange, a local nonprofit focused on building sustainable communities through the smart reuse and repurposing of corporate assets, announced that retired Rear Adm. Leendert "Len" Hering Sr. has joined its board of directors. Hering is the executive director of the nonprofit Center for Sustainable Energy, whose mission is to accelerate the transition to a sustainable world powered by clean energy. He is a prominent military and civilian sustainability leader with a broad background in energy and environmental issues.

According to Sue Prelozni, founder and CEO of SSE, it has redirected \$2.2 million of items to more than 450 local schools, nonprofits and startups and engaged more than 200 companies in its programs.

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