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Growing Grassroots movements in San Diego & Tijuana / July, 2008

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Planting Seeds of Social Justice

\$64,450 Awarded to LGBT, Immigrant and Media Groups

The Foundation for Change is pleased to announce the award of \$64,450 in grants to grassroots groups working for social justice in San Diego and Tijuana. Here are just three of the 11 grants awarded this spring, each representing a slice of social justice:

CAFÉ EN LA CALLE—a project of the San Ysidro-based *Casa Familiar* -- will challenge youth to create a self-sustaining media program to counter negative portrayals of their own community in the mainstream media.

LGBTQ PRIDE CENTER—*Associated Students, Inc.* will work to expand educational resources for LGBTQ youth and young adults in North County,



Grantmaking Committee (L to R). Bottom: Jill Holslin, Aurora Cudal, Lisa Kove. Middle: Leiana Naholowaa, Kathy Sangha, Vernon Mitchell, Quynh Nguyen. Top: Jesse Mills, Anthony White, Zach Negin, Larry Baza. Not pictured: Olivia Puentes-Reynolds, Nancy Rodriguez, Patricia Vasta, Mary Niez.

striving to create safe, inclusive, and affirming learning environments for LGBTQ youth.

CENTER FOR SOCIAL ADVOCACY—is continuing its work to directly assist hard-to-reach populations affected by the San Diego fires of 2007.

As are all grants at the Foundation for Change, these grants were awarded by our Grantmaking Committee, whose members are actively engaged with under-served populations in San Diego and Tijuana. Their on the ground knowledge makes it possible for us to reach community-based leaders working under the radar of larger philanthropic organizations.

Grants awarded this spring were made possible by three Special Initiatives -- the *Funding Exchange/Media Justice Fund*, the *San Diego LGBTQ Pride Fund* and the *Fires 2007-Fund for Change*. Special Initiatives are established as funding partners are identified. Contact us to launch an initiative that can satisfy your passion for "change, not charity."

Mark your calendars!

CHANGEMAKER FESTIVAL

**Saturday, November 22
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Balboa Park**

2008 Awards will be presented to grantees.

ARE YOU GIVING FOR CHANGE THIS CAMPAIGN SEASON?

Don't forget to invest in grassroots efforts that make for lasting change.
Mail a check today or donate on-line at: www.foundation4change.org.

Foundation for Change Celebrates 25 Years

25th
Anniversary Celebration



Over 300 guests gathered to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Foundation for Change at the Scripps Birch Aquarium in La Jolla on the evening of Saturday, April 5, 2008.

Highlights of the celebration included the special recognition of four major contributors to the

cause of social justice in San Diego: **Donald Cohen**, founder and President of the Center on Policy Initiatives; **Roberto Martinez**, long-time human rights activist of the American Friends Service Committee; **San Diego LGBT Pride**, sponsor for over a decade of Foundation for Change grants to LGBT social justice organizations; and **Victoria Danzig**, founder of the Foundation for Change.

The evening also featured performances by Eveoke Dance Theater, a Foundation for Change grantee, and a live auction that netted over \$18,000.

Special thanks go to Honorary Hosts **Michelle Ciccarelli**, **Victoria Danzig & Alan Nahum**, Volunteer Coordinator **Mary LaRussa**, Auction Coordinator **Mary Veta**, and everyone who contributed to making the event a smashing success.



Scripps Birch Aquarium was the site of the 25th Anniversary celebration.

MORE NEWS

Lou Terrell, New Board President

Lou Terrell has been selected as the new President of the Foundation for Change Board of Directors. Lou is a retired Professor at San Diego State University, where for twelve years he chaired the Political Science Department. A graduate of Williams College and Stanford University, where he earned his Ph.D. in Political Science, Lou has served as a City Councilman and Mayor of Del Mar. He has also served in leadership positions on the Boards of San Diego Association of Governments, Planned Parenthood, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Del Mar Foundation. Lou succeeds Eric Isaacson, who served three years as Board President. Welcome, Lou! And thank you, Eric!

e-newsletter

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Coalition Declares Triple Fence "An Offense to the Peoples of the San Diego/Tijuana Region"

The Foundation for Change has joined a coalition of community-based organizations calling for a halt to Department of Homeland Security construction of triple fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border near the coast in San Diego. Coalition leaders drafted statements of opposition now endorsed by over 30 community-based organizations and dozens of leaders from diverse religious

and spiritual traditions. This unique coalition of human rights, environmental, peace movement and interfaith organizations holds out hope of a brighter future for the San Diego/Tijuana borderlands.

Foundation for Change Celebrates Marriage Equality

Speaking of Eric Isaacson, did you know that Eric played an important role in the recent California Supreme Court decision sanctioning same-sex marriage? Eric co-authored an Interfaith Amicus Brief ("friend of the court") filed on behalf of a coalition that included over 400 religious leaders and faith organizations. To make clear that many people of faith support marriage equality, the brief argued "that same-sex couples should be afforded the same fundamental rights as different-sex couples to participate in the State-sanctioned institution of marriage."

What a Difference...

...a Donor Can Make

As massive fires swept through San Diego County last fall, Chuck Lowery decided it was time to act. "I noticed on the news that there were literally tons and tons of supplies available," said Chuck, "and that some people were denied access. Really, if we give relief supplies and money with no strings attached, it seems that anyone in need, for any reason, should be able to benefit." Recognizing the limitations of mainstream relief efforts, Chuck turned to a local foundation with a proven track record in getting resources to San Diego's most marginalized populations. Chuck turned to the Foundation for Change.



Chuck Lowery

Chuck's gift of \$5,000 was just the beginning. Soon Executive Director John Fanestil had secured gifts from a host of other donors – the California Endowment, the Hill-Snowden Foundation, the Timberland Corporation, to name a few – and countless other progressive donors had decided to send their relief contributions to an organization they could count on to think about social justice, even in a time of urgent need.

The result was the "Fires 2007– Fund for Change," a special initiative at the Foundation for

Change dedicated to "ensuring a greater degree of justice in the access to and distribution of relief services" in San Diego.

Projects funded thus far have helped Spanish-language fire victims secure relief and recovery resources; worked to increase representation through public agencies, insuring that low-income people will be included more fully in future risk-assessments and emergency planning programs; and promoted the distribution of *Firestorm: Treatment of Vulnerable Populations during the San Diego Fires*, a report co-sponsored by the ACLU, the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium and Justice Overcoming Boundaries.

Future grants from the "Fires 2007– Fund for Change" will help grassroots immigrant-focused organizations strengthen their own capacity to respond to future natural disasters.

...a Grantee Can Make

In 1993 Los Niños International received a first grant from Liberty Hill – San Diego, the organization that in 1995 would become the San Diego Foundation for Change. Across the last fifteen years Los Niños has emerged as one of the premier social justice organization in the U.S.-Mexico border region, with expansive programs in four areas: Food Security & Ecology, Micro Enterprise, Community Leadership and "Voluntourism."

By 2003 Los Niños was well-established in the United States, but was just beginning to be recognized as a Mexican entity, Los Niños de Baja California A.C. (An "Asociación Civil" is the Mexican

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Pro Cambio On-line

Where Philanthropy & Social Justice Meet

Meet other justice-minded donors and activists at our new social networking site. To join, just click on the PRO CAMBIO badge at:

www.foundation4change.org



Pro Cambio Off-line Thursday, July 31, Sunday, August 30, Tuesday, Sept. 30

Each month a group of younger people meet on the last day of the month to explore the intersections between philanthropy and social justice. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 31 at 6 p.m. in the Foundation offices. Come get a tutorial on the features of PRO CAMBIO on-line and help us plan events for August, September and October. To RSVP call 619-692-0527 or visit PRO CAMBIO on-line.

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equivalent of a non-profit organization.) Another micro-grant from the Foundation for Change enabled the new Mexican organization to convene a "Congreso" organized by 40 community development workers, or "promotoras," to share family ecology, health and nutrition information. The conference incorporated 10 non-profit organizations and welcomed 380 participants across three days.

Rigoberto Reyes, staff to Los Niños de Baja California, says the support of the Foundation for Change "was essential for the network of promotoras." The success of the Congreso, he says, "is still reflected today by the number of requests for courses we receive on a weekly basis."

The Foundation for Change targets grants to emerging projects that other foundations are likely to overlook. Strategic placement of even small grants can have lasting impact. Just ask Rigoberto Reyes:

"I am proud to say that Los Niños is now being recognized as a leader in *Promotora* training, and with the partnership of Iberoamericana University we are now training most of the *Promotoras* affiliated with Non-Governmental Organizations in the Tijuana/Mexicali region."

To learn more, visit: www.losninosinternational.org.

Visit Grassroots Tijuana Saturday, August 9 and October 11

Foundation for Change Executive Director John Fanestil leads seasonal tours of grassroots groups working for social justice in Tijuana. We meet at the border at 9 a.m. After parking, we walk across to Tijuana and return no later than 4 p.m. The suggested donation of \$60 includes travel, lunch and an honorarium to Victor Clark-Alfaro, Director of the Bi-National Center for Human Rights, a Foundation for Change grantee. Upcoming tours are scheduled for August 9 and October 11.

NEXT QUARTER CENTURY — a Campaign for Sustainability

This fall the Foundation for Change will launch the "Next Quarter Century Campaign — a Campaign for Sustainability." For 25 years the Foundation has supported grassroots groups working for social justice. As we look to the future, we are laying plans to make a real impact on the social landscape of the San Diego-Tijuana region. Thank you in advance for your continuing and generous support.

QUESTIONS?

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or email us at

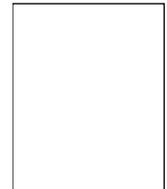
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