**Peacemaker Awards Dinner Raises $500,000 for Conflict Resolution**

The San Diego County Employee’s Charitable Foundation recently hosted its 29th Annual Peacemaker Awards dinner and fundraiser for the National Conflict Resolution Center. The event was organized by chairs Loretta H. Adams, Kira Finkenberg, and Danielle Sicklick and supported by more than 85 sponsors. All proceeds from the event will benefit JFP’s ongoing programs to empower individuals and families living with dignity, and foster community connection and engagement across San Diego.

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The San Diego County Employee’s Charitable Foundation manages its local 501(c)(3) organization by way of grants to the National Conflict Resolution Center, which operates and owns 31 homes in San Diego County.

**Jewish Family Service of San Diego**

raised more than $1.1 million at its annual Heart & Soul Gala at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine recently. The fundraising event included a $200,000 donation match by Honorary Chairs Ernest and Evelyn Rady. More than 580 guests, community leaders, and partners were in attendance to honor the contributions of the 2017 Hewitt Honorees that included: Edward Carnot and Louise Vener, Barbara Loonin and the Nutter Challenge, and San Diego Chapter.


**City National Bank**

through its “Reading is the Way Up” literacy program, and Barnes & Noble recently donated more than $20,000 in new books and cash to Hage and Ericson Elementary Schools in San Diego as part of its 9th Annual Holiday Book Drive program. Representatives from City National and Barnes & Noble presented 2,000 new books and matching cash donations to both schools at separate presentations. Since the inception of City National’s literacy program in 2002, the bank has donated more than 400,000 new books to schools and nonprofits in

**California, Nevada, New York, Atlanta, and Nashville, Tenn. This year marks the 15th anniversary of City National’s literacy program.**

**Jersey Mike’s**

announced that it raised $191,951 in the San Diego area for Rady Children’s Hospital as part of its nationwide Month of Giving campaign. The funds raised increased from $4 million raised in 2016 to more than $5.5 million this year.

**Home of Guiding Hands**, a local nonprofit that provides housing for men, women and children with developmental disabilities, announced that the San Diego County Employee’s Charitable Organization awarded $3,351 to be put toward new flooring in Prospect House, one of its group homes.

**The People of San Diego County**

includes: 102 raise $255,000 to develop the schedule for the fundraiser’s website to promote the fundraiser’s website.