

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



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The **National Conflict Resolution Center** raised more than \$500,000 at its 29th Annual Peacemaker Awards Dinner held at the **Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine**.

The amount is the largest total raised at an individual fundraising event in the organization's 34-year history and an increase of more than \$80,000 from the 2016 event. Event proceeds support NCRC's groundbreaking programming, including the Galinson Campus Civility Project, which teaches our nation's future leaders to communicate across disputes with civility and inclusivity.

The event honored individuals and organizations that have made a significant contribution to conflict resolution nationally and locally. The 2017 theme was "A Campaign for Civility." Legendary sportscaster **Dick Enberg** served as emcee while 625 guests enjoyed a three-course dinner, speeches from the 2017 Peacemaker honorees and a "raise the paddle" fundraising activity. Event honorees included: the **Southern Poverty Law Center** as the National Peacemaker; **Bill and Lori Walton** for Philanthropy in Peacemaking; and **Rachel's Challenge** as the San Diego Peacemaker.

Sponsors include: **Bank of America, SDG&E, The Jaffe Family, Bobbie and Jon Gilbert, Qualcomm Inc., Jack McGrory, KPBS and Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP.** Other Support: **Farrell Family Foundation;**



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Tom Turner, left, Dick Enberg, Bill Walton, Lori Walton, Sandy Scott, Darrell Scott, Richard Cohen and Steven Dinkin at the 29th Annual Peacemaker Awards dinner and fundraiser for the National Conflict Resolution Center.

Phil's BBQ; Scatena Daniels; U.S. Bank; Paul, Plevin, Sullivan & Connaughton LLP; Christopher Weil & Co. Inc.; Montesquieu Winery, Redfearn & Associates and Union Bank.

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 \$5,331 to be put toward new flooring in Prospect House, one of its group homes.

The San Diego County Employee's Charitable Organization is managed by county employees and distributes 100 percent of donations to the San Diego community by way of grants to local nonprofit programs and assistance to employees in crisis. The organization has been supporting HGH since 1988.

HGH is one of the largest providers of support services in San Diego County, serving more than 1,500 children, adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities. It owns and operates 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 500 guests, community leaders, and partners were in attendance to honor the contributions of the 2017 Mitzvah Honorees that included: **Edward Carnot and Louis Vener, Barbara and Mathew Loonin** and the **National Charity League - San Dieguito Chapter**.

The event was organized by chairs **Loretta H. Adams, Kira Finkenberg, and Danielle Sicklick** and supported by more than 95 underwriters. All proceeds from the event will benefit JFS' ongoing programs to empower individuals and families, support aging with dignity, and foster community connection and engagement across San Diego.

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