

## PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Nancy Hashim  
Phone: (858) 756-0249

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
11 A.M. PST, March 28, 2013

### Grant Awards To Reach \$2 Million Milestone

RANCHO SANTA FE, CA, MARCH 28, 2013: Open to philanthropic women residing in Rancho Santa Fe, the RSF Women's Fund will reach a significant milestone with their impending 2013 Grant Awards, exceeding \$2 Million in funds given to more than 40 local non-profit agencies.

Here is a small sampling of past RSFWF grants comprising that \$2 Million Dollars and their impact on the recipient organizations, and the community needs they serve, in the San Diego area.

- Ace Scholars Services at CSU-San Marcos received \$48,600 to launch a "working scholarship" program for *former foster youths* enabling them to have jobs on campus. All students have continued their academic studies and working on campus supports their continued success. Many of the departments involved have incorporated these jobs into their budgets which permits even more former foster youths to work on campus. As a result of this grant, the university received \$250,000 in additional funding from The Shiley Foundation.
- Angels Foster Family Network received \$40,000 from the RSFWF to fund a marketing and PR campaign aimed at increasing the number of "Angels" *certified foster families*. As a result of commercials run on TV and radio covered by the grant, Angels was able to certify more than 50 additional families. As of June 2012, Angels has placed 550 babies since inception.
- A grant was awarded to The Hahn Nursing School at USD in supporting development of an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in Psychiatric Nursing Program (Psych APRN) for *treatment of military and their families*, especially with PTSS and other acute mental illness. This is the only educational program of its kind in the Southern California region. The program has become a model for Psych APRN Programs across the US, especially in the military, and a doctoral track is planned to be integrated into the program by 2013.
- Canine Companions received a \$20,000 award for their North County Military Veteran's Initiative. The funds were used for training a "Facility Dog" at the *Wounded Warriors Battalion West* to enhance in the healing process with disabled veterans who have experienced a wide range of physical disabilities, such as limb amputation, spinal cord injuries, brain trauma and more.

Since November 2004, the RSFWF has served as a means for local women to join together in meaningful, engaging ways to support the unmet needs of North San Diego County. Their well-developed and comprehensive collective grantmaking model has had a significant impact on the greater good of the community.

Last fall, the RSFWF Grants Committee began reviewing program considerations from more than 150 San Diego County non-profit organizations. The committee focused on grant requests in the areas of Social Services and Health & Research. Soon RSF Women's Fund members will receive their 2013 ballots and begin the annual awards voting process. By mid-May, after months of intense scrutiny, the final recipients of the 2013 collective-giving awards will be determined and the agencies will receive their awards.