

# LAS PATRONAS

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## **Las Patronas Provides Grant Funding for Eleven San Diego Organizations and Legacy Society Grant Recipient at Annual Beneficiary Luncheon**

**LA JOLLA, CA (January 23, 2019)**— Las Patronas presented 11 San Diego organizations with checks for more than \$20,000 each at their annual Beneficiary Luncheon on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at The Marine Room in La Jolla. The grants were funded with proceeds from the 72<sup>nd</sup> Jewel Ball, ***Viva la Vida***, which took place on August 4, 2018.

“We are proud to provide funding for these very deserving San Diego nonprofit organizations,” said Michelle Wiseman, President of Las Patronas. “Each Las Patronas member is inspired by the difference these incredible organizations make in the lives of so many San Diegans. Many of our members say participating in grant applicant site visits is a highlight of being in Las Patronas because it offers an opportunity to learn more about the needs in our community.”

Las Patronas raised a total of \$847,545 during the 72<sup>nd</sup> Jewel Ball, ***Viva la Vida***. More than \$300,000 was given to the Major Beneficiaries at the luncheon. The remaining funds will be contributed to ***Viva la Vida's*** Minor Beneficiaries, organizations that are awarded grants of \$20,000 or less.

Grant applicants come to Las Patronas from many sources but are funded for a singular purpose—to provide critically-needed capital items. A team of Las Patronas members visits each qualified grant applicant to complete an on-site interview.

Las Patronas balances the allocation of funds among a variety of organizations and considers funding requests from smaller community groups as well as larger nonprofit organizations. All funding stays in San Diego and is directed to nonprofit groups throughout the county.

Also at the luncheon, Las Patronas announced their third ***Legacy Society Grant*** funded from the investment income of the Las Patronas Endowment Fund. The recipient of this year's Legacy Society Grant is the Foundation for Animal Care and Education (FACE). The funds from this grant purchased critically-needed computer equipment to support FACE's mission of enhancing and preserving the quality of life of animals by providing access to necessary medical care and education.

The Las Patronas Endowment Fund was established to diversify the way Las Patronas receives support and to provide funding for grants into the future. The Legacy Society honors our members and community leaders who have included the Las Patronas Endowment Fund in their charitable bequests and estate plans, or who have made a direct contribution of \$10,000 or more to the Las Patronas Endowment Fund.

## **ADD PAGE 2—Las Patronas Hosts Beneficiary Reception...**

The following major grant beneficiaries received a check for more than \$20,000 funded from the proceeds of 72<sup>nd</sup> Jewel Ball, **Viva la Vida**:

<b><u>Major Beneficiary</u></b>	<b><u>Funding Provides:</u></b>
1. <b>Burn Institute</b>	<b>Program vehicle and shelving for an existing van to support fire and burn prevention.</b>
2. <b>Just in Time for Foster Youth</b>	<b>Moving truck to transport household items to help transitional age foster youth.</b>
3. <b>Kitchens for Good</b>	<b>Culinary equipment to provide a classroom environment for formerly incarcerated and transitional age foster youth.</b>
4. <b>Outdoor Outreach</b>	<b>Pick-up truck to transport equipment for youth adventure programs.</b>
5. <b>San Diego Air &amp; Space Museum</b>	<b>Amelia Earhart animatronic to enrich educational programming and elevate the historical significance of her accomplishments.</b>
6. <b>San Diego Habitat for Humanity</b>	<b>Box truck to increase the ability to pick up donations throughout San Diego County.</b>
7. <b>San Diego Humane Society</b>	<b>Radiology table, generator and dental radiology unit to treat and prepare animals for adoption.</b>
8. <b>The Arc of San Diego</b>	<b>Fitness equipment to maintain the health and well-being of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.</b>
9. <b>UCSD Autism Center of Excellence</b>	<b>Eye tracking machine to provide data for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.</b>
10. <b>The Twelfth Step House of San Diego</b>	<b>Passenger van to transport men residing at the Heartland House, a sober living facility.</b>
11. <b>Urban Life Ministries Incorporated</b>	<b>Passenger van to transport at-risk youth in City Heights to off-campus activities.</b>

“We are a 100 percent volunteer organization and knowing the funds we raise offer hope and opportunity to others feeds our passion to enhance the quality of life in our community,” said Wiseman. “Each year as we wrap up the presentation of a Jewel Ball, we immediately begin year-long fundraising efforts that culminate in the next Jewel Ball.”

The **73<sup>rd</sup> Jewel Ball, *Wonderland*, will take place on August 3, 2019** at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club. For more than seven decades, The Jewel Ball has been the main fundraising effort of Las Patronas and today is one of San Diego’s most enduring, cultural, and philanthropic traditions in San Diego.

“The Jewel Ball is unique among charity events in San Diego – held without a live auction or paddle raise – guests are treated to an exceptionally beautiful and entertaining evening of dining and dancing under the stars in celebration of our nonprofit beneficiaries and generous supporters,” said Nicole Velazquez, Chair of the **73<sup>rd</sup> Jewel Ball, *Wonderland***.

**About Las Patronas:** *Las Patronas is a philanthropic organization with a long history of giving. Since its inception in 1946, Las Patronas has donated more than \$20 million to over a thousand charitable institutions in San Diego. The funds distributed to these organizations are generated through yearlong fundraising efforts and the annual presentation of the Jewel Ball, one of San Diego’s most enduring social, cultural, and philanthropic traditions. All funds raised by Las Patronas stay in San Diego County and are distributed to many small grass-root nonprofits as well as larger, more visible organizations. Las Patronas is committed to providing financial assistance to non-profit organizations in San Diego County that provide valuable community services in the areas of health, education, social services, and cultural arts, and to continuing our tradition of service to enhance the quality of life in our community. For more information about Las Patronas and the annual Jewel Ball, please visit [www.laspatronas.org](http://www.laspatronas.org).*