



## Volunteer San Diego Year End Report 2006-2007

### Organizational Accomplishments

- 29,412 volunteers served 843 community organizations
  - Volunteers contributed 83,832 service hours that were equivalent to an in-kind donation of \$1,706,819
- Became inaugural member of California Volunteer Matching Network, a statewide network of organizations that connects volunteers to opportunities
- Merged with Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA) to improve service and support to volunteer administrators
- Recognized by the County of San Diego as the lead agency for the management of spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers
- Secured partnerships with San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter of American Red Cross, 2-1-1 San Diego, and the local Salvation Army to address spontaneous volunteer needs in disaster
- Awarded capacity-building grant from QUALCOMM to assess and improve programs

*"It was great. Helping the students was so fun and they really appreciated it. One student just wanted to practice speaking English so he told me all about Korean traditions and culture. I think I learned more from them than they did from me."*

Carmel Valley Homework Helpers Volunteer

## Recognition

- Featured partner in *San Diego Business Journal's* first Corporate Philanthropy Supplement
- National recognition at Hands On Network Conference as a leader in volunteer disaster programs
- Honorable mention award for Technology Applications from Nonprofit Management Solutions
- VSD honored as pioneer in blogging and podcasting
  - Volunteer Management Hot Topics Podcast by Susan Ellis
  - 501©3cast by Corey Pudhorosky
  - First volunteer center in the nation to offer podcasts.
  - 2,100 downloads of the audio shows in year one
- SAVY Leader honored with Prudential Spirit of the Community Bronze Award
- 22 Presidential Service Award recipients
  - 2 Silver Awards for the first time

*"I had a great time - it was hard work, but I slept so sound after a good workout and knowing I helped the community just a little bit. I'm looking forward to doing more and have already talked to others about also getting involved. The Parks & Rec crew was thanking us, but I feel we should be thanking you for such a fun experience."*

Corporate Volunteer Team

## **Program and Event Accomplishments**

- Successful launch of 27 SAVY Clubs, which give youth resources to achieve community change through service
  - 757 student participants
- A Visit from St. Nicholas served a record 2,700 students in nine schools
  - 190 volunteers contributed 400 hours
  - St. Nick Soiree raised \$6,000 in its second year
- Agency trainings and services were enhanced to improve the volunteer experience
  - 3,910 people were educated (33% increase)
  - New trainings were offered
    - Engaging Students and Schools
    - Engaging Volunteers with Disabilities
- Successful pilot of TeamWorks, which introduced 13 community members to an intense educational and service experience
  - Three graduates went on to volunteer leadership roles
- The Disaster Cadre, a trained team of volunteers, is over 60 members strong.
  - The training program was formalized and cadre leaders now help facilitate the introductory training for new members.
  - Ongoing education keeps current members up to date in trends and skills.
- Hands On San Diego featured four signature projects around the county
  - 2,800 volunteers participated in 109 projects
- The Flexible Volunteer Program (Flex) continues to grow
  - 7,291 volunteers (15% increase) contributed 14,689 hours (18% increase)
  - 80,250 individuals, youth, and families were served by Flex volunteers and projects.
- Corporate Teambuilding Services continue to grow
  - The number of volunteers doubled and the number of VSD's corporate partners tripled
- Web traffic increased
  - 169,515 people visited the site (19% increase)
  - 71% of visitors added the VSD web site to their favorites

*"Your organization has always been one of our biggest supporters and is a big reason for our success.*

Giving Groves Project –  
VSD Partner Agency

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