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## Milton Roelfs Donates \$2M to The Elizabeth Hospice in Escondido



**The Elizabeth Hospice** in Escondido received a \$2 million gift from benefactor **Milton Roelfs** to establish the **Dorothy S. Roelfs Education Endowment**, which will provide palliative care education for hospice staff and volunteers. “The generosity of the Roelfs makes it possible for us to assure the community that our hospice professionals and volunteers are the best trained and prepared to (meet) their needs,” said hospice CEO **Laura Miller** ... The **20th annual Make-A-Wish Tuna Challenge** was held Sept. 12-13 and raised \$259,000 to be used to grant wishes to children with life-threatening conditions. **San Diego County Credit Union** was the presenting sponsor, while the **Silver Gate Yacht Club** was the host ... The

**San Diego Padres** held their 2009 Padres Challenge to benefit **Family Health Centers** on Sept. 13. Contributors included the **Moores Family**, **Cricket Wireless**, **Union Bank**, **Kaiser Permanente**, **Qualcomm**, **Cox Communications** and **General Dynamics**. The \$200,000 raised will help expand the health centers in San Diego’s City Heights neighborhood ... **Liquid Nation Ball 6**, the **Surf Industry Manufacturers Association Humanitarian Fund’s** annual fundraiser, was held Sept. 11 and netted \$270,000. The funds will be used to support 12 surf-related humanitarian organizations that were selected by the SIMA Humanitarian Fund board of directors ... **Torrey Pines Bank** donated \$1,000 to the **LIAM Foundation** for the bank’s July base hit bonus program, in partnership with first baseman **Adrian Gonzalez**. For every base hit by Gonzalez, the bank made a donation. The LIAM Foundation is dedicated to

enhancing the lives of those with cystic fibrosis ... The second annual **Couture for a Cause** is being held Oct. 8 at the **San Diego Natural History Museum**. The event is being presented by eight legal professional organizations and will benefit **Voices for Children** and **Outdoor Outreach**. **French Gourmet** is providing catering services and **Gracie’s Boutique** and **Jos. A. Bank** are presenting the fashions ... In response to spiraling demands for assistance, the **Economic Recovery Fund**, a joint venture of the **Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego** and the **United Jewish Federation of San Diego County**, has awarded \$800,000 to provide direct relief to those in need. “We hope that these funds will provide the support and encouragement families need to help get them on the road to self-sufficiency,” said UJF Chair **Andrea Oster** ... **The Tichi Wilkerson Kassel Parkinson’s Foundation** pro-

vided funding to establish a movement therapy foundation. The foundation was launched Aug. 1 ... **Young Audiences of San Diego’s** summer fundraiser, held in August at the **McMillin Event Center**, netted \$12,000 to support music, theater, dance, and visual art programs for children of limited means. Corporate event sponsors were **Sempra Energy**, **One-Source Distributors**, **Technology Integration Group** and **Ortega Construction** ... **United Way of San Diego County** kicked off the launch of its 2009-2010 United Way/CHAD campaign Sept. 15 at the **Hall of Champions**. **Richard Ledford**, campaign chair, acknowledged **Solar Turbines** as the winner of the President’s Award for having the highest number of leadership givers, or individual gifts of \$1,000 and above.

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