

FOUNDATION GRANTS SUPPORT CRITICAL NEEDS

In this time of great economic challenge and uncertainty, grants from the Jewish Community Foundation are changing the lives of community members and addressing critical needs. Since July 1, 2008, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$54 million in grants – 3,900 separate distributions to organizations in San Diego, across the nation, Israel and around the world.

The Foundation's recent grants include every sector of the community: critical crisis needs; programs for the young and elderly; services for single parents and victims of domestic violence; education; and the arts.

Three key examples further demonstrate this targeted grant-making during the economic crisis: an emphasis on food programs; support for scholarships; and funding for older adult transportation.

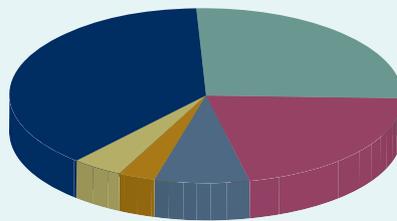
Food Programs

As food programs report record demand and an increase in first-time users, the Foundation upped its support for food assistance programs. One example is the San Diego Food Bank's innovative Food 4 Kids Backpack Program where elementary school children receive food for the weekend. Food packets are given



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to students each Friday in backpacks to preserve the students' dignity. Grants have also been awarded to Jewish Family Service's Hand Up Youth Food Pantry, which has experienced a quadrupled need for food compared to last year and Interfaith Community Services, which provides food to veterans, seniors and others.

Scholarships

Scholarship requests in the Jewish and secular communities have also significantly expanded. In many cases, families must choose between basic needs and participation in the community. The Foundation has awarded scores of grants designated for scholarships at Jewish camps, day schools, after-school programs and preschools.

Transportation

The On the Go older adult transportation program has provided almost 15,000 rides since its launch in September. The economic downturn has created even more demand for On the Go as older adults living on fixed incomes face reduced resources.

"Now is the time for our community to step forward and show generosity and leadership," noted Marjory Kaplan, Foundation CEO. "While these are troubled times, we also have tremendous opportunities to effect change, take on tough issues and reshape the lives of fellow members of our community."

