



Cushman Foundation Awards \$1.55 Million in *Making a Difference for San Diego* Grants through the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego

SAN DIEGO, CA – For the third year, the Jewish Community Foundation is proud to have facilitated the ***Making A Difference for San Diego*** grant initiative on behalf of the Cushman Foundation, deploying \$1.55 million in grants to 11 deserving organizations in San Diego County. All 2020 recipients demonstrated their impact through sustainable programs and/or services provided to veterans, seniors, or children.

The ***Making a Difference for San Diego*** Grant Program was established in 2018 to provide grants up to \$100,000 to at least 10 local organizations. Through the incredible generosity of the Cushman Foundation, \$1.2 million was granted to 15 organizations. Committed to providing funding for much needed services to diverse communities and elevating or creating new programs that truly make a difference, the Cushman Foundation granted another \$1.2 million to 19 organizations in 2019. The Cushman Foundation is proud to announce the 11 remarkable organizations selected as recipients of their 2020 grants: Casa de Amparo, Crisis House, East County Transitional Living Center, ElderHelp of San Diego, Home Start Incorporated, It's All About the Kids Foundation, Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Mama's Kitchen, Seacrest Foundation, The Angels Foster Family Agency, and The Honor Foundation. Thank you to all 135 admirable organizations that submitted applications.

The 2020 ***Making a Difference for San Diego*** grants will be distributed over a three-year period with the goal of supporting sustainable programming. This objective coupled with impactful programming and encouraging collaboration among local nonprofits, are some of the ways that the Cushman Foundation strengthens community organizations that truly make a difference for San Diegans.

The Cushman Foundation's ***Making a Difference for San Diego*** Grant Program was established in partnership with the Jewish Community Foundation as they share the goals of respectful and responsive grantmaking, quality technical assistance, and support to strengthen the capacity and sustainability of nonprofit organizations. This granting relationship is designed to maintain the Cushman Foundation's commitment to San Diego County while grounding the program in a foundation with local expertise and extensive grantmaking history.

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The Cushman Foundation has been quietly supporting the San Diego community for 30 years. It is the philosophy of the Cushman Foundation to have a sense of social responsibility and to honor the communities in which they have conducted business. The ***Making a Difference for San Diego*** initiative is a commitment by the Cushman Foundation to give back to the city that has supported their family for 7 generations by providing grants to a diverse array of community and humanitarian endeavors with a goal of bringing about constructive change and promoting human welfare in diverse communities throughout San Diego County.

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About the Jewish Community Foundation

The Jewish Community Foundation partners with individuals, families, and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals. During the fiscal year 2019-2020, the Foundation awarded and facilitated \$78 million in 7,300 grants to more than 1800 Jewish and general organizations in San Diego, Israel and around the world. Since its inception over 53 years ago, the Foundation has granted over \$1.6 billion. Visit the Jewish Community Foundation at www.jcfsandiego.org or call 858-279-2740.