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Corporate Volunteer News!

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Purpose of Newsletter

This e-newsletter is designed and distributed by Volunteer San Diego. Its intent is to highlight corporate volunteering efforts in San Diego, discover trends in employee volunteering and bring corporate volunteer managers together as a group.

Please send any thoughts, comments or things you would like to see included to Volunteer San Diego at events@volunteersandiego.org.

CRO's 100 Best Corporate Citizens in 2008

In 2008, CRO (Corporate Responsibility Officer) measured Corporate Citizenship based on eight elements: Climate Change, Employee Relations, Environment, Financial, Governance, Human Rights, Lobbying and Philanthropy.

Who made the list?

Click [here](#) to find out if your company made the list.

For more information on the study, click [here](#).

What's new...Corporate Philanthropy in San Diego?

Read the Corporate Philanthropy Supplement, **San Diego Business Journal**. Click [here](#).

A Billion + Change Campaign

2008 put a spotlight on 'Skill Based Volunteering' and 'Pro Bono' volunteering. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation initiated a challenge to leverage \$1 billion in skilled volunteering and pro bono services from the corporate community. Led by the Corporation for National and Community Service, A Billion + Change is the three-year

campaign designed to meet the challenge and redefine pro bono.

Does your organization have skills they can share?

More information on the campaign and the pro bono movement is available at www.ABillionandChange.org.

Employee Matching Gifts

What are Matching Gifts?

Find out by clicking [here](#).

What companies are offering matching gifts to their employees?

Click [here](#) to find out.

Fire Recovery Project

VONS/Safeway

(in partnership with First Lady Maria Shriver's Family Day 2008)



In response to the Ramona wildfire in 2007, local VONS employees and community volunteers joined forces this fall to build a new play space for Camp HOPE in one day.

**Recipient: Camp HOPE

Make a National Impact

As part of the **Target** Volunteers National School Library Project, Harborside Elementary School library in Chula Vista received a makeover that included new paint, murals, thorough cleaning and organizing, and an infusion of new books.



**Recipient: Harborside Elementary School

Convention Group Gives Back



While attending their annual meeting, **SAP America** employee teams gave back to the hosting city of San Diego. While many teams were bused from the Convention Center to the project sites, a few teams had the community brought to them. Projects ranged from mural painting, bike building, and wood work to assembly lines of backpacks and baby baskets.

**Recipients: Albert Einstein Academy, Feaster Elementary School, Operation Homefront, Armed Service YMCA, Hospital Art, Harmonium, San Diego Food Bank

What are the volunteers saying?

"We built everything together, as a team. And I got to meet all these people from different stores. I'm in South Bay, but people came down from North County. I felt part of a bigger group, a Target group. And we were able to do it all together."

- Target Employee, October 2008

Today was an "opportunity for our Cbeyond team to work together outside of the office to provide help for others."

- Cbeyond Employee, November 2008

"It's easy/fun to make a difference when you are in a group."

- SAP Employee, July 2008

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