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Las Patronas Provides Grant Funding for Nine San Diego Organizations and Legacy Society Grant Recipient at Annual Beneficiary Reception

LA JOLLA, CA (January 17, 2018)— Las Patronas presented nine San Diego organizations with checks for more than \$20,000 each that were raised during the 71st Jewel Ball 2017 ***Taking Flight*** at their annual Beneficiary Reception on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club. Also, for the second year, Las Patronas provided funds for its ***Legacy Society Grant*** recipient.

“We are proud to provide funding for these very deserving San Diego nonprofit organizations that we call our Major Beneficiaries,” said Sherry Macelli, president of Las Patronas. “Each Las Patronas member is truly inspired by the incredible work our beneficiaries do to make a difference in the lives of so many San Diegans. Many of our members say that participating in site visits is a highlight of being in Las Patronas because it offers an opportunity to learn more about the needs in our community.”

Las Patronas raised a total of \$903,000 during the ***Taking Flight*** 71st Jewel Ball. More than \$300,000 will be given to the Major Beneficiaries at the Reception. The remaining funds will be contributed to ***Taking Flight's*** Minor Beneficiaries, organizations who requested under \$20,000 in grant dollars.

Grant applicants come to Las Patronas from many sources but are funded for a singular purpose—to provide critically needed capital items such as equipment and capital improvements. Once a grant submission is made, a team of Las Patronas members visits each organization that passes an initial screening process to complete an on-site interview.

Las Patronas balances the allocations of funds among a variety of organizations. Las Patronas considers requests for funding from smaller community groups as well as larger nonprofit organizations. All funding stays in San Diego and is directed to nonprofit groups throughout the county.

Also at the Beneficiary Reception, Las Patronas contributed a grant funded out of the Las Patronas Endowment Fund called the ***Legacy Society Grant***. The recipient of this year's Legacy Society Grant is **Social Advocates for Youth, Inc.** The funds from the grant will be used to purchase laptops to expand free tax preparation services to low and moderate income individuals and families.

The Las Patronas Endowment Fund is fueled by direct contributions, as well as contributions from the Las Patronas Legacy Society. The Legacy Society members have included the Las Patronas Endowment Fund in their planned giving.

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The following major grant beneficiaries received a check for more than \$20,000 funded from the proceeds of 71st Jewel Ball 2017 *Taking Flight*:

<u>Major Beneficiary</u>	<u>Funding Provides:</u>
1. Center for Community Solutions	Painting and upgrades to long-term emergency housing and a new storage shed.
2. International Rescue Committee in San Diego	A used passenger van for refugee assistance programs.
3. La Jolla Playhouse	Hearing loop systems in the three main-stage theaters.
4. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (JCC)	A used 84-passenger school bus.
5. National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC)	New computer hardware infrastructure.
6. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center	A new panel van for educational programs.
7. Scripps Mercy Hospital, Mercy Hospital Foundation	Infant bed warmers for the Maternal and Child Health department.
8. Urban Corps of San Diego County	A new pickup truck for youth education and job training programs.
9. Voices for Children	An integrated phone system for their offices.

“We are a 100 percent volunteer organization and just knowing the funds we raise offer hope and opportunity for others feeds our passion to help provide those very needed resources,” said Macelli. “Each year as we wrap up the presentation of a Jewel Ball, we immediately begin year-long fundraising efforts that culminate in the next Jewel Ball.”

Las Patronas members have already begun fundraising efforts for the **72st Jewel Ball 2018 Viva la Vida on August 4, 2018** at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club. The Jewel Ball has continued for decades as the main fundraising effort of Las Patronas and today is one of San Diego’s most enduring, cultural, and philanthropic traditions in San Diego.

About Las Patronas:

Las Patronas is a philanthropic organization with a long history of giving. Since its inception in 1946, Las Patronas has donated more than \$20 million to over a thousand charitable institutions in San Diego. The funds distributed to these organizations are generated through yearlong fundraising efforts and the annual presentation of the Jewel Ball, one of San Diego’s most enduring social, cultural, and philanthropic traditions. All funds raised by Las Patronas stay in San Diego County and are distributed to many small grass-root nonprofits as well as larger, more visible organizations. For more information about Las Patronas and the annual Jewel Ball, please visit www.laspatronas.org.

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“Las Patronas is committed to providing financial assistance to non-profit organizations in San Diego County that provide valuable community services in the areas of health, education, social services, and cultural arts, and to continuing our tradition of service to enhance the quality of life in our community.”