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

LA JOLLA, CA (January 18, 2023)— Las Patronas presented seven San Diego nonprofit organizations with checks for more than \$20,000 each at their annual Beneficiary Luncheon on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at The Marine Room in La Jolla. The grants were funded with proceeds from the 76th Annual Jewel Ball, The South Seas, which took place on August 20, 2022.

The following major grant beneficiaries received a check for more than \$20,000 funded from the proceeds of the 76th Annual Jewel Ball, The South Seas.

- Alpha Project for the Homeless: Stake-bed truck to expand employment opportunities for homeless
- American Red Cross: Community emergency vehicle to ensure rapid support services in times of crisis
- Burn Institute: Vehicle to support expansion of community programs and events
- Feeding San Diego: Box truck to expand distribution of food throughout the county
- Forever Balboa Park: Vehicle to support maintenance and preservation of Balboa Park's historic gardens
- Old Globe Theatre: Two vehicles to assist production staff with procurement and delivery of props and supplies
- San Diego Humane Society: Humane law enforcement vehicle to protect animals and people

"We are honored to partner with these deserving nonprofits, and to provide funding to make an immediate impact on the work they do in our community," said Julie Bubnack, President of Las Patronas. "Visiting each grant applicant and seeing the difference they make in San Diego is truly inspiring to our all-volunteer membership."

Las Patronas raised a total of \$853,468.18 from the 76th Annual Jewel Ball, The South Seas. Checks totaling \$367,139 were presented to the Major Beneficiaries at the luncheon. The remaining funds

will be contributed to The South Seas Minor Beneficiaries, organizations that are awarded grants of \$20,000 or less.

During the luncheon, Las Patronas also announced the recipient of their Legacy Society Grant, which is funded from the investment income of the Las Patronas Endowment Fund. The Legacy Society honors Las Patronas members and community leaders who have included the Las Patronas Endowment Fund in their charitable bequests and estate plans, or who have made a direct contribution of \$10,000 or more to the Las Patronas Endowment Fund. Las Patronas was proud to share that the recipient of this year's Legacy Society Grant is the San Diego Gay Men's Chorus. Las Patronas will be funding critically needed cell phones and office equipment.

"The ladies of Las Patronas are incredibly proud of the work we do today and have done for the past 76 years," said Bubnack. "We are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, our generous sponsors, and our nonprofit beneficiaries to provide meaningful assistance to our local community."

The 77th Annual Jewel Ball, Daisies & Disco, will take place on August 5, 2023, at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club. For more than seven decades, Las Patronas has partnered with the La Jolla Beach & Tennis club to host the Jewel Ball. The Jewel Ball has been the main fundraising effort of Las Patronas, and today it is one of San Diego's most enduring cultural and philanthropic traditions.

"One of the many wonderful things about the Jewel Ball is that guests dine and dance under the stars in celebration of our beneficiaries and generous supporters without a paddle raise or live auction. It's a gorgeous event to enjoy with no pressure," said Mio Hood, Chair of the 77th Annual Jewel Ball, Daisies & Disco.

Las Patronas welcomes grant applicants from 501(c)(3) organizations in the county of San Diego. Las Patronas balances the allocation of funds among different categories of organizations as well as small and large organizations. Grants are funded to provide critically needed capital items to these organizations and the funding stays in the county. Las Patronas members work in teams to visit each qualified grant applicant and complete an onsite interview.

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