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DONATION FROM LAS PATRONAS FUNDS **A BIG, MEAN RECYCLING MACHINE**

Thanks to a generous donation from Las Patronas, the San Diego Futures Foundation (SDFF) is now able to collect large loads of e-waste to recycle in a socially responsible and earth-friendly manner. A \$12,000 donation from Las Patronas helped SDFF to purchase a used Mitsubishi FH diesel truck, capable of hauling large amounts of outdated computers, monitors, TVs and other unwanted electronic equipment.

Las Patronas' support of SDFF's Recycling and Salvage efforts benefit the entire San Diego community. SDFF collects e-Waste from businesses, government agencies and industrial parks -- almost any place where the donation is at least 26 computers or the equivalent amount of commonly accepted electronic equipment. E-waste recycling becomes more cost-effective when it's done in greater amounts. As more e-waste is recycled, the process becomes more efficient and productive.

Recycling e-waste responsibly extends the lifespan of and reduces the toxicity of landfills. The EPA estimates that 25 million computers and televisions are taken out of services each year, of which 70% to 80% end up in landfills. The impact of e-waste on the global environment is reduced by local recycling efforts. Recycling e-waste helps recover important natural resources, like silver and gold, for reuse while decreasing the need for surface mining. Recycling e-waste is a better, environmentally friendly solution, utilizing these metals in existing products, rather than digging up the earth and impacting nearby forestry

SDFF recycles computers, TVs, laptops, monitors, electronics equipment, copy/fax machines and more at NO COST. For a complete list of donated items, please log onto www.sdfutures.org. Donations are tax deductible.

**San Diego Futures Foundation
RECYCLING AND SALVAGE CENTER DROP OFF LOCATION
4283 EL Cajon Blvd, Suite 140
San Diego, CA 92105
619.269.1684 option "1"**

Hours: Tuesday and Thursdays, 11:30am – 4pm, or by appointment.

ABOUT SDFF

The San Diego Futures Foundation is San Diego's premier provider of technology to the nonprofit community. SDFF provides opportunities to use technology as a tool to enhance and change lives. Whether it's developing job skills, building confidence, enhancing life skills, increasing organizational capacity, improving communications, expanding access, or promoting community development, technology helps individuals and organizations achieve their goals. To that end, SDFF has donated more than 20,000 computers and 18,000 hours of technical support to San Diego nonprofits, community-based organizations, schools and families. For more information, log onto www.sdfutures.org.

ABOUT LAS PATRONAS

Since 1946, the all-volunteer members of Las Patronas have worked tirelessly to support San Diego's nonprofits. Las Patronas funds critically needed capital items to organizations providing a wide spectrum of social, medical, cultural and environmental services. Las Patronas is committed to providing financial assistance to nonprofit 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. For more information, log onto www.laspatronas.org.

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