

# Neighborhood Unity Foundation

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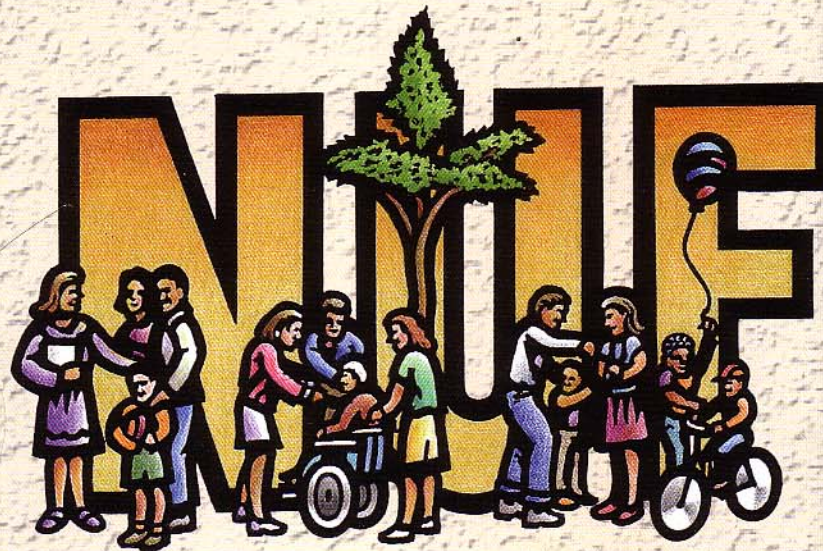
*is a bridge between  
community and foundation.*

*This foundation is planned,  
designed and governed by  
and for residents  
of southeastern San Diego.*

*NUF's programs are inspired  
by the community,  
with a goal*

*of making meaningful  
change that will  
last for generations.*

*NUF supports people  
who are helping others through  
its programs.*



Power in  
Community  
Power in  
Caring  
Power in  
Giving



## Power in Giving

**N**eighborhood Unity Foundation partners with funders interested in investing in community-led neighborhood programs, along with residents who volunteer their time and talents. We invite you to help us encourage and sustain change in any of the following ways:

- Give to NUF's capacity-building campaign and every dollar is matched by the Jacobs Family Foundation.
- Give to NUF's \$2-million endowment campaign and your gift is matched dollar to dollar up to \$750,000.
- Volunteer your time to serve on one of NUF's committees.
- Apply for a grant that demonstrates how people help people in these neighborhoods.
- Nominate someone who helps others for the Power in Caring Award.

For more information on supporting NUF, please call Lefaua Leilua or Nina Smart at (619) 527-4570.

### NUF Funding Partners

NUF thanks the following foundations for their support of resident ownership of community philanthropy:

*The Walter and Evelyn Haas Foundation*

*The James B. Irvine Foundation*

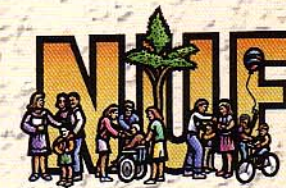
*Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation*

*Jacobs Family Foundation*

*The Legler Benbough Foundation*

*San Diego Neighborhood Funders*

*Join us in building  
a community of caring.  
Help NUF help those who  
help others.*



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## Power in Community

**T**he Neighborhood Unity Foundation (NUF) is a community foundation designed, built, and governed by and for people living in the neighborhoods of southeastern San Diego.

NUF seeks to be a sustainable organization that makes philanthropy relevant to the multicultural community it serves. NUF's role is to listen and respond to residents with the belief that residents know the solutions to creating safe and healthy neighborhoods.

NUF holds a deep value about building on the strengths in the community and use challenges as opportunities for change. A key strength of the neighborhoods of southeastern San Diego is the existing networks of informal philanthropy or, as residents say, the plain fact that people here help each other. NUF is designed to build and

support that neighborhood value — to help build a community of caring.

The following stories spotlight a few of the 60 grants totalling more than \$175,000 and the 30 Power in Caring Awards given to individuals who make a difference in the community:

### **Buraanbur Somali Poetry Conference: Celebrating Women and Culture**

*Yasmin Hamud, executive director of the Center for Bridging Communities, asked a group of young Somali women what they knew about Buraanbur. None of them knew that the traditional Somali women's poetry was such an important part of the culture. With support from a NUF grant, Yasmin started the Buraanbur Conference, a celebration of the role of women in Somali culture. The conference was a success in the community, and news of it reached Somalia, strengthening the ties of Somali refugees with their homeland.*

## Power in Caring

### **Lonnie Fountain: Leading by Example**

*Born and raised in southeastern San Diego, Lonnie Fountain believes in giving back to her community. Lonnie collects cans around the neighborhood and penny by penny puts the money away. At the beginning of the school year she buys backpacks and school supplies for local children. Every week, Lonnie makes homemade meals and delivers them to homebound seniors in her community. Committed to encouraging others to give as well, when Lonnie hears about a young person who does something good in the neighborhood, she awards them with a gift basket. Lonnie received a Power in Caring Award for her acts of kindness that make a difference.*

### **Joan Candler: Sharing Love Through Quilting**

*Joan Candler wanted to share her love of quilting. She approached NUF for a grant to help her buy sewing machines, and began teaching her friends and neighbors to quilt. When the group finished their quilts, they delivered them to homeless and battered women's shelters in the neighborhood. The impact of her effort was felt throughout the community. Participants learned a new art form and people in the shelter felt warmth and support from their community.*



*NUF board members, elected by a community vote, are residents who are passionate about what they do.*

**F**rom Somali poetry conferences to youth arts programs and health workshops, NUF supports programs as diverse as the community's residents. NUF is a training ground to help residents learn skills of community listening, grantmaking, foundation management, and resource development.

### **NUF Programs**

#### **Mini-Grants Program**

The Mini-Grants Program provides cash grants of \$500-\$5,000 to residents doing projects that create connections between neighbors and builds community.

#### **Endowment Campaign**

A \$2-million endowment will help sustain NUF as a community foundation serving a network of neighborhoods in southeastern San Diego. NUF has already raised and invested \$500,000 in Market Creek Plaza in the heart of the community.

Income from this investment supports NUF's mission. NUF's endowment is actively working for the neighborhood it serves.

#### **Power in Caring**

The Power in Caring Campaign is a public-service program that promotes small acts of kindness in the community, honoring everyday people for their efforts.