

Nonprofits receive \$10,000 each from organization

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Pictured, from left, are Alice Jacobson, Katrina Dodson, Supervisor Dave Roberts and K.J. Koljonen at the Hand to Hand ceremony where three local nonprofits were awarded \$10,000 each. Jacobson is the founding chairwoman for the charitable fund, and Dodson and Koljonen are the current co-chairwomen. — *Courtesy photo*

ENCINITAS — [Hand to Hand \(http://coastalfoundation.org/programs/hand-to-hand/\)](http://coastalfoundation.org/programs/hand-to-hand/), a charitable fund of the Coastal Community Foundation in Encinitas, recently awarded three local nonprofits \$10,000 each to help their efforts of serving women and girls in the San Diego area.

The nonprofits include the Casa Cornelia Law Center, Girls Rising and Welcome Home Ministries.

In an effort to help stop the cycle of domestic violence, the [Casa Cornelia Law Center \(http://www.casacornelia.org/\)](http://www.casacornelia.org/) provides pro bono legal services to battered, indigent immigrant women around Southern California. It also aims to help these women obtain work authorizations.

[Girls Rising \(http://girlsrisingsd.org/\)](http://girlsrisingsd.org/) is a mentor program that was originally part of the Big Sister League of San Diego. Its mission is to empower at-risk girls ages 6-17 through a community of women mentors.

Lastly, Welcome Home Ministries in Oceanside is a faith-based support system for women in prison. In 2010, the FAIR (Future Achievers in Reentry) dorm was created to provide in-jail education, substance abuse prevention, discharge planning and more for women in the program.

Hand to Hand chairwoman Katrina Dodson said members of the organization are "delighted to support these important programs and will continue to provide resources to more local nonprofits serving women and girls in 2014."

For more information about Hand to Hand, email handtohand@coastalfoundation.org.

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