$50,000 in grants were made from the Foundation’s EdVentures Fund, which supports creative, hands-on educational experiences for students in North Coastal San Diego County public schools. Through a competitive grants process, local nonprofit partners were selected to provide stellar arts and sciences programming to 4th through 8th grade students. Grants ranging from $3,000 to $10,000 were made for the following programs:

- **Aqua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation** - Academy for Environmental Stewards (4th graders)
- **Birch Aquarium at Scripps** - Environmental and Ocean Science Programs (4th-8th)
- **LUX Art Institute** - The Valise Project (4th-8th)
- **Oceanside Museum of Art** - ArtQuest (5th graders, Oceanside)
- **San Diego North County Singers** - Ocean Knoll Chorus Program (4th graders, Encinitas)
- **San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy** - Inquiry to Action Field Work (4th graders)
- **La Jolla Playhouse** - POP Theatre Tour (4th-6th graders)
- **Zoological Society of San Diego** - STEM Careers in Conservation (8th graders, Carlsbad)

**GIVING CIRCLES ... Increase Your Philanthropic Impact**

Through one of the Foundation’s giving circles, you can have fun and make a difference. Your donation is pooled with other gifts to make a broader impact through grants to numerous nonprofits. You can be involved in deciding how the funds are granted for charitable purposes or you can choose to be a donor and not attend the meetings.

- **Encinitas Fund** is a new giving circle that will make grants in 2019 to nonprofits for programs that benefit Encinitas. Community residents who donate can participate in selecting grantees.
- **Hand to Hand** is a group of over 60 women from San Diego County who make grants for programs for women and girls that empower change and self-sufficiency, including job training, education, mentoring.
- **Solana Beach Fund** makes grants to a wide variety of nonprofits that provide programs and services for Solana Beach. Grants address local needs, funding social services, the arts and community projects.

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The minimum to start a fund is $5,000 which can be a gift of cash, appreciated stock or property. For more information call Sharon (760) 942-9245.

Heritage Ranch Endowment Fund

“We are delighted to establish this endowment fund on the 30th Anniversary of San Dieguito Heritage Museum. This will support our cultural and educational enrichment programs and ensure the preservation of the region’s history for future generations,” states Board President Sinead NiGhabhlin.

The Museum was founded in 1988 to preserve artifacts, records and stories pertaining to the history of the communities of the San Dieguito River area. The founders have deep roots in these communities. The Museum seeks to preserve and share this history through a combination of hands-on history experiences and traditional exhibits. The endowment will ensure an annual income source for the museum. *Donations can be made to the endowment fund at any time.*

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