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DPR Foundation gives Boys & Girls Clubs 40K grant for Teen Mentoring Program

Solana Beach, Calif. – Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito is proud to announce that we are the recipient of a \$40,000 grant to the La Colonia Branch from long time supporters DPR Construction via the DPR Foundation. This partnership with DPR will provide over 100 youth and teens access to after school programs at no cost to the members. Youth receive tutoring in math, English and science, mentoring in overall life skills and lessons, and summer camp programs. DPR Construction's grant not only gives financial support for the program at La Colonia, but be very hands-on in the next year while working with the youth at La Colonia.

In addition to DPR's financial contribution, the deck and ramp in front of the new clubhouse at La Colonia were furnished and installed by an all DPR volunteer group working on weekends and after work. About \$3,600 in material was donated and about 80 hours of volunteer time. The volunteer efforts for the new Clubhouse at La Colonia were spear headed by DPR's Kelsey Powell, a former La Colonia volunteer and mentoring tutor.

In 2006, the Club worked with the City of Solana Beach to open the La Colonia Branch where we now serve over 110 under-privileged and low-income Hispanic children, ranging in age from 5 to 17, each day. All of these youth are 100% scholarship and do not pay for the services and activities provided for them. With the commitment of dedicated staff and support of community members, we have developed sustainable Elementary After School and Teen Mentoring Programs for pre-teens and teens at the La Colonia Branch to help suppress the ongoing, and recently escalating, drug and gang violence in the city's Eden Gardens neighborhood.

DPR Foundation grant winners are selected annually by the DPR Foundation board and local DPR employees. In addition to financial assistance, DPR volunteers make the annual commitment to donate their time to their local organizations. The DPR Foundation measures the success and progress of these programs on an annual basis to ensure each grantee stays on mission and is achieving results.

The DPR Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping disadvantaged children reach their full potential through regional organization support, has announced the expansion of its 2012-2013 grant awards program to 15 organizations, with three new grantees joining the 12 returning from last year. The Foundation distributed \$750,000 in grants to support these organization's efforts in local youth development programs with an additional \$95,000 in discretionary funds that will be disbursed regionally for the coming year.

The DPR Foundation was established in 2008 by DPR Construction, one of the nation's top technical builders focused on highly complex and sustainable projects. Over the past five years, the Foundation has awarded more than \$2.4 million to 21 different organizations focused on providing community support to grade school and high school-aged children. The impact of this support has been realized through a variety of programs, from after school support organizations to summer camps to caring for homeless children.

"DPR's commitment to 'Build Great Things' extends far beyond our offices or customers – we strive to go into the communities where we work and live," said Peter Nosler, co-founder of DPR Construction and president of the DPR Foundation board. "Through the Foundation, we focus on building long-lasting relationships with local organizations that help kids gain an enriched community experience.

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Once we select an organization, our commitment is solid and we expect to continue our financial and volunteer support year after year.”

About Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito

BGCSDTO is dedicated to providing positive activities to promote education, self esteem, health and character in young people. BGCSDTO offers quality programs through after school, summer camp, aquatics, athletics and middle school sports in addition to sponsoring two Montessori schools, the Youth Arts Academy and the Center for a Healthy Lifestyle. Great Futures Start Here! For more information on the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito please visit www.PositivePlaceSD.org

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