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Sempra Energy Foundation Gives \$250,000 to the Zoo for Conservation Efforts

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The San Diego Zoo received \$250,000 from the Sempra Energy Foundation, which will benefit the EnviroSchool program, the 2009 Cans for Critters recycling program and the Baja California Condor Education Effort, all zoo conservation programs ... Ledcor Construction has donated \$75,000 for internships and career development at San Diego State University. The gift will be disbursed in \$25,000 annual increments during the next three years. This is Ledcor's second gift in support of construction, engineering and management education at SDSU ... Wal-Mart donated \$10,000 to Feeding America San Diego, which will be used to expand a program that provides school kids with a bag of food every Friday for the weekend. "This donation means that we can provide 85 more students with food every weekend for an entire school year," said Gary McDonald, CEO of Feeding America ... Palomar College celebrated its 17th annual gala recently, and Darlene and Donald Shiley, Ray Lucia and Joseph Madrigal were honored for their contributions to the community ... The American Heart Association's heart walk was held Nov. 25. Money raised is used to fund research aimed at fighting heart disease and stroke. Sharp HealthCare, Scripps Health and UC San Diego each raised more than \$100,000 ... The University of San Diego business administration school was awarded a \$100,000 grant from The Foundation for Enterprise Development for research on private employee-owned firms. "We're extremely pleased to receive this grant. It will support critical research on how firms ... can use employee ownership to support growth and expansion," said Dean David Pyke ... The local chapter of the American Institute of Wine and Food held its fifth annual Bay Wine & Food Festival recently. The six scholarship recipients were presented awards totaling \$26,500 at a luncheon Nov. 14 ... Kaiser Permanente gave scholarships to nursing students totaling \$256,000. Participating schools in San Diego include Grossmont College, Imperial Valley College, Point Loma Nazarene University, **City College** and USD. Scholarships of \$1,000 to \$2,500 are based primarily on financial need to assist individuals pursuing nursing degrees ... Sycuan Casino's bakery provided pies for the recent Mama's Kitchen Pie In The Sky fundraiser. "It's an honor to assist Mama's Kitchen in providing this service to men, women and children who suffer from ... critical illnesses," said Anita Bye, director of

community development for Sycuan. Proceeds will help Mama's Kitchen deliver meals to people who are too ill to cook for themselves ...The Junior Seau Foundation hosted its annual Shop With a Jock at Target Mission Valley on Dec. 2. Athletes and television and radio personalities joined Seau, a current professional football player, to take children shopping for their loved ones with a \$100 gift certificate ... A drive for charity, the first-ever held on the South Bay Expressway, raised \$30,000 for Chula Vista's community foundation. Held Nov. 19, the one-year birthday of San Diego's first toll road, the private agency donated \$1 for every trip taken. The money will fund community services ... Fresh Start Surgical Gifts received a \$10,000 grant from the Pimco Foundation, \$4,000 from the Erich and Della Koenig Foundation and \$3,000 from Pickford Realty Care. The donations go toward reconstructive surgery for disadvantaged kids and young adults.

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