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Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Completes Investment Renovations at the Encinitas Griset Branch Gymnasium

Encinitas, Calif. (October 1, 2013) - The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito recently finished a major renovation to their Griset branch gym located in Encinitas, adjacent to Oak Crest Middle School. Nearly $100,000 was invested in renovations and upgrades that included: a new roof, interior paint, lighting and fixtures, and new basketball backboards with breakaway hoops.

Funding for the investment came from the Price Charitable Family Fund and the County of San Diego.

“We are extremely grateful to the generosity and support that we receive from the Price Charitable Family Fund and the numerous other supporters,” said Jim Miller, Griset branch board member. “Collectively, our organizations serve a great need for the many youth in San Diego County. Their donation and support allows us pursuit of our mission that we established in 1966 and continue to develop and refine as we foster today’s children into tomorrow’s leaders.”

At any time of the day you’ll see numerous kids, adults, and community members using the newly renovated gym at the Griset branch. Athletics such as, Big Eight Middle School Sports, elementary school basketball, Oak Crest Junior High P.E., Snuffy basketball, and rentals like St. Katherine College are consistently using the gym on a daily basis. Over 110 kids and adults use the gym on a daily basis and thousands use the gym every year.

The Griset branch, one of the organizations seven branches, was completed in 1971 by Ray Griset, who at the time was a local bean farmer, and a team of dedicated volunteers. The branch was named in honor of him and his family, who not only built the Club, but who also almost fully paid for it. The Griset gym was the first gymnasium built at the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito and was completed in 1972. Since its original completion, this is the first upgrade and renovation of its kind besides new flooring in 2002.

“The Boys & Girls Clubs are an incubator for children to develop great futures,” stated David H. Crean, CEO. “Through this investment of donorship contributions, we are able to continue to provide exceptional programs and activities in quality and safe facilities for children who need us most.”
About Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito

The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito, founded in 1966, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing positive activities to develop the education, health, self-esteem and character of youth. Today, the organization is one of the most successful Clubs in the country serving more than 21,000 youth in the San Dieguito community to include Carmel Valley, Del Mar, Encinitas and Solana Beach. Our various branches offer exceptional programs for youth to include:

- Personal development through six Core Program Areas
- Clean facilities with dedicated, caring staff members who provide a safe environment for kids and teens
- Quality after-school programs and activities at affordable prices
- Diverse summer camps to fit the needs of all campers
- Innovative specialty programs in academics, music and arts, athletics, and healthy living

For more information on Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito, please visit us at http://positiveplacesd.org/

About Price Family Charitable Fund

The Price Family Charitable Fund ("The Fund") is a private family foundation created by Sol and Helen Price in 1983. The Fund grants money to support non-profit agencies and institutions, primarily in San Diego County. In addition, the Fund operates the Aaron Price Fellows Program. The Aaron Price Fellows Program was founded in 1991 to honor the memory of Aaron Price, son of Robert and Allison Price and grandson of Sol and Helen Price. The program is a three year high school leadership experience for San Diego public high school students.

Price Charities (originally San Diego Revitalization Corporation) is a public operating foundation established by Sol Price in 2000. Price Charities' primary purpose is operating a not for profit real estate business in the San Diego community of City Heights. Major activities include developing and managing office and residential activities and employing resources to improve the quality of life for residents of City Heights. Price Charities also operates Aprender Y Crecer, an educational program that distributes school supplies to public elementary schools in Central America and the Caribbean region.

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