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Starbucks Coffee Company's Statewide Grant Initiative Awards 1 Million to California Non-Profits

Starbucks California Giving Program Recognizes 30 Groups Focused on Helping California Children Flourish and Grow

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6, 2006 – Today, in its commitment to giving back to the communities where it does business, Starbucks Coffee Company announced the non-profit recipients for their statewide grant initiative, the Starbucks California Giving Program. Starbucks will award these non-profit groups with grants totaling up to \$1 million and will help to support the organizations within their local communities. Each of the grantees will be honored during local celebration events in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco hosted by Starbucks during the week of July 16.

This year, the Starbucks California Giving Program received over 3,100 grant applications submitted by non-profit organizations throughout the state of California. This year's grantees were chosen for their endless dedication to addressing the needs of California's children by providing educational and mentoring programs, community housing, physical and emotional therapies, and after-school activities. Each of these organizations strives to provide caring environments where kids can flourish and grow.

"Starbucks is extremely honored to have the opportunity to support such exceptional non-profit organizations," said Kristine Hung, Starbucks marketing director for California. "Investing in our local communities is an important part of the company's mission statement, and Starbucks values these organizations for their tireless efforts toward nurturing kids and inspiring grown-ups throughout the state."

February marked the launch of Starbucks California Giving Program, created to support and fund organizations, services or projects that allow children the opportunity to grow and flourish. Over the past five years, Starbucks has awarded nearly \$2 million to Northern California non-profit organizations through the former Grants for Giving program. As a result of positive feedback from local residents, non-profit organizations and Starbucks partners (employees), Starbucks created the state-wide initiative, the California Giving Program. This new program has similar elements as the former Grants for Giving, but reaches across the entire state, allowing Starbucks to work with and assist even more non-profit organizations.

Starbucks plans to provide long-term support of its California Giving Program recipients through the volunteer efforts of more than 28,000 Starbucks partners (employees) throughout California. Each grant recipient will build a relationship with a Starbucks partner who will serve as an ambassador for the organization and will help to drive enthusiasm, support, and volunteerism for the grantee among local Starbucks partners throughout the year.

To learn more about the program, the non-profit grantees, or upcoming volunteer opportunities with our new grant recipients, please visit www.starbucksca.giving.com

About Starbucks:

Starbucks Corporation is the leading retailer, roaster and brand of specialty coffee in the world, with more than 10,500 retail locations in North America, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific Rim. The Company is committed to offering the highest quality coffee and the Starbucks Experience while conducting its business in ways that produce social, environmental and economic benefits for communities in which it does business. In addition to its retail operations, the Company produces and sells bottled Frappuccino® coffee drinks, Starbucks DoubleShot® espresso drink, and a line of super premium ice creams through its joint venture partnerships. The Company's brand portfolio provides a wide variety of consumer products--innovative super premium Tazo® teas and exceptional Starbucks Hear Music™ compact discs to enhance the Starbucks Experience through best-of-class products. The Seattle's Best Coffee® and Torrefazione Italia® coffee brands enable Starbucks to appeal to a broader consumer base by offering an alternative variety of coffee flavor profiles.

Grantee Fact Sheet

Starbucks California Giving Program 2006

We are honored to partner with the following organizations:

San Francisco:

Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) houses nearly 2,400 extremely low-income people in 1,600 apartments and residential hotel rooms in 23 buildings throughout San Francisco. The TNDC strives to be a housing community where staff and tenants know and care about each other in order to create a sense of well-being and security for the youngest of tenants.

The Jamestown Community Center provides 500 kids in San Francisco's Mission District with the opportunity to learn, play, and grow through a range of after-school and summer programs- from art to theater, dance to soccer, and youth leadership to academic tutoring. Because of Jamestown, kids in this low-income neighborhood have the learning opportunities and support they need to reach their full potential.

North Bay:

Draw Bridge, based in San Rafael, is an expressive arts program for homeless children. This dynamic group provides activities in an environment that fosters their sense of childhood joy, creativity and exuberance.

Forget Me Not Farm, from Santa Rosa, provides children who have been exposed to violence first-hand with an opportunity to become part of a nurturing series of meaningful experiences through growing vegetables and flowers, and caring for animals who become trusted companions. This two-time Starbucks grant recipient will use this grant build upon the progress they made in the last year to expand their facilities and help more abused and neglected children by exposing them to the benefits of interacting with nature.

East Bay:

Little Kids Rock of Oakland inspires children to express themselves through music, building the creativity, confidence, and self-esteem that are critical to success in school and beyond. Little Kids Rock has worked with Starbucks since 2005 and has "rocked out" in various Starbucks stores throughout the bay area. This year's grant will be use towards expanding the Little Kids Rock program by launching more new chapters in schools from surrounding communities.

DeafHope, from Hayward, provides services to deaf women and children who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition to support, DeafHope provides training and technical assistance to establish more deaf-run domestic violence and sexual assault response services. This is the second time Starbucks and DeafHope are teaming up, as Starbucks and Deaf Hope worked together in 2005, when they were chosen as one of the recipients for Starbucks Grants for Giving program.

Taylor Family Foundation (TFF), based in Livermore, strives to enhance the quality of life for children in Northern California who are suffering from life-threatening illnesses and disabilities. During the summer months, TFF takes the kids to Camp Arroyo, which provides them with the opportunity to meet other children with similar fears and challenges while also teaching them to develop independence, build trust and create a sense of community.

South Bay:

New Horizons School, from Santa Cruz, is a kindergarten through fifth-grade school that helps homeless children escape the bonds of poverty and hopelessness by providing education, life skills, values and a caring environment that will empower them to successfully move into the mainstream of society. New Horizons School was a grant recipient of Starbucks Grants for Giving program in 2005. Starbucks and New Horizons School worked together to expand the organization's services to help more local students.

Children's Musical Theatre San Jose trains and educates today's youth so they will in turn, become the artists, patrons and leaders of the future. The Children's Musical Theatre San Jose provides a positive environment in which youth can learn teamwork and communication skills and experience the pride of accomplishment. The organization plans on strengthening their programs and expanding their reach to the greater communities in the South Bay.

Sacramento/Chico/Redding:

The Green House is an after-school program that provides a safe, caring, place that emphasizes academic achievement for Sacramento's youth in the city's downtown area. Since 2005, Starbucks has been working with The Green House to assist in heightening the community's awareness of the programs offered at the organization. The Green House will use the grant towards increasing the number of adult mentors who provide positive support to the after-school program.

Schreder Planetarium, based in Redding is a world-class education and public outreach facility that serves between 7,500 - 10,000 students served each year. As a multi-media science education facility, the Planetarium provides students and community education in Astronomy and Space Science to citizens of Northern California.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte County works to build, strengthen and promote positive relationships between youth, adults and families by facilitating mentoring within the Butte community. The organization will devote their grant to expanding their community-based and school-based mentoring programs, as well as their offering of couples and family mentoring.

Inland Empire:

The Assistance League of Riverside is a chapter of a national organization that puts caring and commitment into action through community-based philanthropic projects with older adults, youth and families. They will use the Starbucks grant to help expand their local chapter through planning and fundraising that will continue to meet changing needs in their communities.

The Coachella Valley Autism Society of America provides hope and support to autistic children and families through education about autism spectrum disorder and networking with other parents and professionals in the search for answers. They will use their funds to continue education and awareness on autism in order to focus on their children's strengths and help them reach their full potential.

Advanced Education Services, established in 1981, provides a complete curriculum for both day students and students from preschool/kindergarten to grade twelve in residential settings. AES will use the grant to further their goal of providing each child with a level of academic and personal success that will lead to a productive and responsible adult life.

Orange County:

Grants Wishes, based in Orange County, provides hope and support to those youth who are experiencing relapses with cancer by fulfilling their second wishes. As a newly formed organization, they will use their grant to further better the quality of life for young people battling cancer.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange, strives not only to alleviate need but also to discover and redress the situations which cause it, serving everyone regardless of creed, color or national origin. Through the California Giving Program, the food bank will continue to develop their program to increase awareness of the hunger problem and providing an opportunity for volunteerism and community involvement.

San Diego area:

Helen Woodward Animal Center uses animals to provide educational and therapeutic programs for people while offering humane care and adoption for animals. They use donations to staff services such as pet adoptions, pet encounter therapy, therapeutic horseback riding, education, and to deliver pet food to pets of the homebound.

STAR/PAL is San Diego's Police Athletic League which offers free youth programs to under-privileged children with committed volunteers including law enforcement officers, firefighters, and community business leaders. These leaders set strong, positive examples for at-risk youth. In addition to the cost of the programs, STAR/PAL is currently raising money to build a clubhouse in Colina del Sol Park.

Kids Korps USA encourages youth ages 5 to 18 to become interested in community service by organizing volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity, the Special Olympics, women's resource centers, homeless shelters, children's hospitals, senior centers, and environmental projects. Such activities not only benefit those who receive the charity work performed by the children, but help to foster a lifelong interest in community service.

Los Angeles area:

Kids in Sports provides community led after school sports programs for more than 8,000 children and youth each year in underserved areas of Los Angeles County. Boys and girls of all ages can participate in year-round sports programs at local parks, and schools.

Foothill Unity Center, based in Monrovia, provides assistance to community members in need in the form of food and clothing donations, as well as referrals for shelter, medical, education, counseling and job assistance.

Esperanza Community Housing Corporation strives to build hope within the Maple/Adams-Hoover/Adams neighborhood of South-Central Los Angeles by developing and preserving affordable housing, creating opportunities for child care, ensuring quality education, promoting accessible health care, stimulating involvement in arts and culture, pursuing economic development, and advocating for progressive public policy.

LA County Education Foundation supports the continuing improvement of education and growth and well-being of all children in Los Angeles County through programming in three key areas: school readiness, science and environmental education, and services for disadvantaged, disabled and court supervised youth.

Access Books provides much-needed books to inner-city school libraries in the Los Angeles area, helping children to learn about the joy of reading at an early age. Their operation has delivered almost 1,000,000 books to Los Angeles inner-city schools so that every child is given access to quality reading material.

Central Valley:

Assistance League of Bakersfield is a chapter of a national organization serving Bakersfield and Kern County that puts caring and commitment into action through community-based philanthropic projects. The Assistance League of Bakersfield

will use the Starbucks grant to provide clothing to local children that are otherwise not provided for with new school clothing and to adults in need of clothing for the workplace.

Happy Trails Riding Academy of Visalia enriches the lives of children and adults with physical, cognitive and psychological disabilities through their nationally accredited therapeutic horsemanship program. Happy Trails will use the Starbucks grant to help expand upon their therapeutic program by exposing participants to the benefits of interacting with horses.

The Women's Center of San Joaquin County provides a wide range of supportive, educational, and crisis intervention services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, enabling them to regain control of their lives. The Women's Center was a Starbucks grant recipient in 2004, and will use this year's funds to help the Center maintain crucial services to victims of violence and abuse.

San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara/Ventura:

Neighborhood for Learning prepares children, ages 0-5, for academic success to ensure that children become healthy, successful learners and future contributing members of the community. Through the California Giving Program, the Neighborhood for Learning will help give children involved with the program a healthy start by working with the families and communities to help them reach their highest potential.

The Peoples' Self-Help Housing provides affordable housing and self-sufficiency programs for low-income families, seniors, and other special needs groups on California's Central Coast. Through the California Giving Program, the People's Self-Help Housing will strengthen its ability to assure an opportunity for secure, safe and attractive affordable housing and support services to those in need.

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