A YEAR-ROUND MISSION: Giving back in Carlsbad

As the saying goes, ‘tis the season of giving, but for one Carlsbad organization the work to create a positive impact in the community never stops.

Inspired by the desire to build philanthropy in Carlsbad and create both immediate and long-lasting impact, a group of citizens partnered with the San Diego Foundation to establish the Carlsbad Charitable Foundation (CCF) in 2007. Know Williams, owner of Rayne Water of North County, was the original inspiration behind this initiative. Other Founding Board Members included Sandy and Carlton Lund from The Lund Team, Hollyce Phillips, a retired broadcast journalist, and Stefan Prvanov, a financial planner based in Solana Beach.

The philosophy embraced by CCF is one that has become known as ‘giving circles’ in the world of philanthropy. According to Wikipedia, a giving circle is a form of participatory philanthropy where groups of individuals donate their own money or time to a pooled fund, decide together where to give these away to charity or community projects and, in doing so, seek to increase their awareness of and engagement in the issues covered by the charity or community project. The Carlsbad Charitable Foundation embodies this definition. Estela Mitrani is the Regional Affiliates Manager for the San Diego Foundation. She shared, “The Carlsbad Charitable Foundation not only enables friends and neighbors to give back to programs making a difference for people in our community but allows us to make that much more of an impact by doing it together. Collectively we can do so much more than individuals, that is why this community giving model is such a gift for Carlsbad!”

Each year the Board of Directors decides what their area of focus will be for giving. Then anywhere from 20 to 60 different non-profit organizations apply for grants. And in 2020, CCF gave away its one millionth dollar to-date in the Carlsbad community. The areas of focus for CCF over the years has been very comprehensive. They have given nearly $200,000 for environmental causes and initiatives; over $400,000 for health and human services; over $200,000 to promote arts and culture; nearly $60,000 to support science and technology and

Several local organizations have benefited from the contributions of the Carlsbad Charitable Foundation (CCF) over the years.

For the holidays, CCF awarded grants to support science and technology and to promote arts and culture; nearly $60,000 for health and human services; over $200,000 to promote arts and culture; nearly $60,000 to support science and technology and
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**The Mitchell Thorp Foundation provides support for families whose children have been diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses.**

**Families**

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Today’s COVID-19 reality has been very difficult for Brad and Beth and the Mitchell Thorp Foundation. The Thors are accustomed to visiting the families they support. Their greatest challenge is not being able to walk through the difficult journeys in person with them and to let them know they are not alone. The financial and emotional toll that a family battling with a life-threatening illness can be devastating: 24/7 care and hardship become a way of life. Something that makes Brad and Beth very proud is the fact that 100% of the families they have supported, have not ended in divorce or separation - 78% statistically do. They have helped reduce the family’s medical equipment costs by 50%. They pay the vendors directly and provide advocacy services for the family and the hospital. So, the only thing a parent needs to worry about is caring for their child.

The other challenge this year has been the inability to hold their signature events. Each year they host three major events. A “Warrior Spirit 5k Run/Walk Family Festival,” a “Hilltops of Hope Grand Slam” event throughout a partnership with the San Diego Aviators, and a “Grand Slam for Mitchell” baseball tournament. In February 2020 they were able to complete the 5k but their other two events have been cancelled. The next event for the Mitchell Thorp Foundation will be their Warrior Spirit 5k, starting February 6, 2021. The event is being planned as a virtual event and you want to be sure to get involved as a participant, create a team, or sponsor please visit: www.warriorspirit5k.com for more information.

The Thors look forward to returning to normalcy post COVID-19 to support and visit their families. They recently had a chance to do a drive through visit for a family in San Marcos whose 7-year-old daughter is still in treatment. This amazing young child held a drive through lemonade stand and raised $3,000. What touches Brad and Beth’s hearts is that this child that they have lent support to, donated part of her proceeds back to the Mitchell Thorp Foundation. How amazing is that?

Congratulations, again to the Mitchell Thorp Foundation for being selected as the Nonprofit of the Year. This holiday season, we hope you will consider supporting them so they can continue with their very important mission.
The State of California set an ambitious goal of 75% recycling, composting or source reduction of solid waste by 2020, calling for a statewide approach to decreasing California’s reliance on landfills, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. In California, businesses generate nearly three fourths of the solid waste in the state, most of which could be recycled. Here is what you need to know.

Assembly Bill (AB) 341 - In July 2010, through AB341 the State of California established a goal to divert at least 75 percent of waste from landfills by the year 2020. AB341 requires that businesses and multifamily complexes implement a recycling program. In addition to state laws, the City of Carlsbad requires the separation of recycling and trash as per Carlsbad Municipal Code section 6.08.020.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1826 - The next step in meeting California’s goal of a 75 percent reduction in waste by 2020 includes reducing or recycling organic waste headed for landfills. Starting on December 31, 2020, AB1826 requires all businesses that produce 2 cubic yards of solid waste to recycle their organic waste. Organic waste is defined as food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper that is mixed with food waste.

Assembly Bill (AB) 827 - Effective July 1, 2020, businesses who generate 2 cubic yards or more per week of solid waste must provide recycling containers to collect products purchased and consumed by customers on the premises. These containers must be placed adjacent to trash containers and be visible, easily accessible, and clearly marked. This law targets businesses that sell products meant for immediate consumption. If a business does not sell any of the materials that would be purchased and consumed by a customer, then the business does not have to provide a recycling container in all areas where disposal containers are provided for customers.

How to Comply with AB1826

The requirement to recycle organic waste can be met by taking the following actions:

1. Implement food waste prevention techniques to reduce the quantity of food waste.
2. Donate surplus food to local food banks and pantries.
3. Source-separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to an organic waste recycling service.
4. Recycle or compost organic waste on-site, or self-haul to a composting/recycling facility, or set up service with Waste Management. Contact Waste Management at (760) 929-9400.

The City of Carlsbad’s Sustainable Materials Management Division, Waste Management and The Solana Center are sponsoring a FREE Food Waste Prevention workshop exclusively for Chamber members on December 8th from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. The workshop will cover commercial and organic recycling legislation that impacts businesses including:

- AB341, AB1826, AB827 & SB183
- How to save money while preventing food waste
- Food waste prevention solutions for back and front of house
- Finding a composting/recycling facility or setting up service with Waste Management

To register for this FREE workshop by going to the Carlsbad Chamber website or go to https://tinyurl.com/4yazvbn7.

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Flu vs. Coronavirus: What’s the difference?

Getting a flu shot is especially important this year due to COVID-19. Health experts believe the seasonal flu and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both be circulating this fall and winter and could put a strain on the health care system.

While a vaccine for COVID-19 isn’t ready yet for public use, the seasonal flu vaccine is widely available and is considered the most effective way to prevent the flu. Like COVID-19, the flu can cause severe illness and even death.

“Getting vaccinated for influenza is the best thing you can do to protect yourself from the flu while continuing to take preventive actions to avoid getting COVID-19 — including frequent hand washing, wearing a face covering, physical distancing and avoiding crowds,” says Ghazala Sharieff, MD, MBA, Scripps Health chief medical officer, clinical excellence and experience.

The following are frequently asked questions about the flu and COVID-19 and the importance of getting an annual flu shot.

1. Is the coronavirus different from the flu?

Flu and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses but are caused by different viruses. COVID-19 is caused by a new strain of the coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2. Flu is caused by infection with influenza virus. Both can spread person to person.

Because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be hard to tell the difference based on symptoms alone, and testing may be needed to help determine the cause of those symptoms,” Dr. Sharieff says.

2. What are similarities and differences between flu and COVID-19 symptoms?

Similarities in symptoms between flu and COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Vomiting and diarrhea in some cases

Symptoms of COVID-19 that are different from the flu include loss of taste or smell.

Also, people tend to develop flu symptoms one to four days after infection. COVID-19 symptoms may appear two to 14 days after infection.

3. Can I have flu and COVID-19 at the same time?

It’s possible to have flu and COVID-19 at the same time. Experts are still studying how common this can be. It’s also unclear how the two viruses might interact or affect overall sickness when infecting the same person.

4. Is COVID-19 more dangerous than flu?

Flu and COVID-19 can both result in serious illness that can lead to hospitalization and even death. COVID-19 appears to be more deadly than seasonal flu based on current data.

5. Should I get a flu shot if I had COVID-19 earlier this year?

Yes. Getting a flu shot will not protect against COVID-19, but it will reduce the risk of flu illness.

“If you had the flu or COVID-19 earlier this year, it does not protect you from a future flu infection. The best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated every year,” Dr. Sharieff says.

6. Should I get a flu shot if I have COVID-19?

No. People who have or suspect they have COVID-19 should delay getting a flu shot even if they have no symptoms. They should do this to avoid exposing health care workers and other patients to COVID-19. They should wait until they have met the criteria set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to discontinue home isolation.

7. When should I get a flu vaccine?

September and October are good times to get vaccinated. It can be done as late as January or as long as flu viruses are circulating.

8. Where is the safest place to get a flu vaccine?

A flu vaccine can be safely received at multiple locations, including your doctor’s office, health departments and pharmacies. Use VaccineFinder to find flu shot locations near you.

In San Diego County, flu vaccines are available at all Scripps Clinic and Scripps Coastal Medical Center primary care sites, which are open by appointment to all Scripps patients. Drive-through vaccination is also available at many of the sites. When going to get a flu shot, practice preventive measures, including wearing face covering and physical distancing.

Chris Ryan utilized the talents of fellow Carlsbad Chamber members Maryse Browe (Maryse Browe Photography) and Adam Jacobs (Forits Fitness & Strength Training and YOGALUX) to assist with acting.

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videographer. It could be a brand video, customer testimonial, product demonstration, or educational video. Finding a videographer with a marketing and advertising background can be a real challenge...and an asset!

Top video needs in 2020

Ryan Video Productions has been busy during the pandemic, offering essential marketing support to businesses for a variety of video needs. Here are the Top 3 video needs for businesses:


2. Social Media Content: Video Blogging; Product "romancing" and influence communications have taken on a greater role as people spend more time online.

3. Brand Pivot or Re-fresh: Many businesses have modified operations and have made their web presence a priority. Good websites need good video, both for customer engagement but also for Search ranking. Video helps your SEO.

Chris Ryan and his strategic videos follow a narrative that meets the customer right where they are in the decision-making process. These are the milestones along your customer’s journey:

- Articulate or illustrate my need so that I believe you understand me and what I want
- Give me hope: a solution to my situation
- Explain how it works in plain language (not superlatives and hyperbole)
- Show me evidence or proof: Testimonials from those who have benefitted, and who I can trust
- Make the next step easy, a call-to-action that works

Ryan Video Productions: has been doing this successfully for global businesses for years since Chris’ deflection from Corporate Marketing Agency life. “I feel so free now!” says Ryan. “I used to allow my creative ideas to make money for The Boss, but now I’m able to channel that creativity and make it work for my own clients, whether they be start-ups or huge multi-national brands.”

If you’re interested in learning more about Chris’ process and work, see for yourself and visit www.ryanvideoproductions.com
This holiday season, local businesses count on you

The Village Beat article for the November/December issue of the Carlsbad Business Journal usually writes itself. These two months, other than high summer, are usually two of the busiest months in Carlsbad Village. With events galore to write about, an emphasis on holiday gift buying and the shop local movement, downtown Carlsbad is a natural focal point during this time. Due to our new normal, however, this article was a bit harder to write.

Normally, at this time, the downtown businesses would be coming off a remarkably busy weekend created by the Carlsbad Village Faire. That event heralds the beginning of the holiday season in the Village. That is soon followed by Small Business Saturday which kicks off a series of festive holiday events including window decorating, musical programs, shopping events, and even a charity event with Santa that raises thousands of dollars for local animals in need. The activities in the last two months of the year are a bit of a whirlwind, designed to connect people to Carlsbad Village, and always guarantee a strong finish to the year for our small businesses.

But how will things look this year? It is our hope that with the spotlight on the plight of small businesses in America due to the effects of the health pandemic, and with the Small Business Saturday movement turning 10 this year, that main street will shine this holiday season. We think this is the year that locals will be even more committed to shopping locally, and our dollars will stay in our community to make us even stronger. The Village might not offer the usual event-driven fanfare of year’s past due to public gathering restrictions, but the boutiques, salons, restaurants, and service businesses are as strong as ever. Carlsbad Village is still the optimum destination for shopping, dining, and playing during this holiday season regardless of new limitations.

When you visit Carlsbad Village, you will notice a little artistic inspiration on many business windows. Starting in November, “Feels Like Fall in The Village” kicks off fall-inspired window painting by local artist Monica Martin. Sponsored by First Team Real Estate Carlsbad Village, with support by the City of Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office, this temporary public art initiative will bring festive fall leaves to our seaside town. The second phase of this program will kick off in December with a holiday inspired theme. Look for more collaborative art initiatives from the Carlsbad Village Association and the Cultural Arts Office as we connect local artists with the business community in 2021.

Feel like going on a treasure hunt in Carlsbad Village? Players will use their wits and wisdom to explore and discover downtown Carlsbad including historical sites, local art, and of course, excellent shopping and dining locations, for opportunities to win great prizes from Carlsbad Village businesses. This fun and interactive virtual game will be released Saturday, November 7th and will run three weeks, culminating on Small Business Saturday November 28th.

Don’t forget that Gift Carlsbad is here and waiting to make your local shopping as easy as can be. Whether for holiday gift giving or employee recognition, gift cards provide a variety of options. With over 70 Carlsbad businesses on www.giftcarlsbad.com (and growing every day) you are sure to find the perfect gifts. When you buy a $75 gift card to a participating business, you will get a $25 bonus card on top for free! A $40 card will get you a $10 bonus and a $25 card will get you a $5 bonus. You simply cannot go wrong. And, the best part, is that the businesses will receive funds from this program right away; they don’t have to wait until the card is redeemed. Think of it as a local small business stimulus of sorts.

Be sure to connect with the Carlsbad Village Association on Instagram and Facebook and to subscribe to our weekly eNewsletter at www.carlsbad-village.com to stay up to date on Carlsbad Village activities. Help our small business make a strong finish to 2020. Come experience Carlsbad Village!

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What’s the 411 on audiences today?

Audience development is an ongoing priority to support an arts organization’s mission. Now, arts organizations have redefined themselves by creating a virtual identity. Like all of us, they have eagerly awaited the return of in-person arts events. So, how are local arts organizations maintaining audience relationships? Three Carlsbad organizations, the Museum of Making Music, New Village Arts and the Carlsbad Community Theater share lessons learned and strategies in the midst of the new reality for audience development.

MUSEUM OF MAKING MUSIC

Executive Director Carolyn Grant shares her insights.

How has MOMM’s relationship with its audience changed?

Our audience has moved from physical to virtual modalities. We now have Live@MoMM programs. “Live” audiences are small, but the ripple effect lives on. Many of our regular patrons are still with us, but travel and in-person recruiting are difficult, we reimagined and relaunched our YouTube Channel. In the coming months, our virtual events will be connected through Zoom, phone calls, mailings, personalized thank-you letters, socially distanced in-person meetings and other ways that we can come up with; e-newsletters and social media have continued to be strongest.

How are you reaching donors and patrons?

We are very humbled by our dedicated core supporters who attend no matter what or how we present programming. Donor engagement has moved to one-on-one. It’s even harder to connect with our members as they typically were engaged by attending events or visiting the Museum. This is especially noticeable with the interactivity of families with young children. We have received compliments about how quickly our staff adapted which has helped our audience stay connected to music.

How has your long-term approach to audience development been modified?

It will likely include a hybrid model once we establish our new normal.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS

Managing Director Alex Goodman presents NVA’s perspective.

What have you learned about your audience?

Our digital audience has diverse interests. Showcasing our familiar faces has engaged our local and unique offerings like dance classes or cooking demonstrations have appealed to our new visitors. We know our patrons are still here and miss us as our fundraising efforts have been particularly successful these past months. We are connected through Zoom, phone calls, mailings, personalized thank-you letters, socially distanced in-person meetings and other ways that we can come up with; e-newsletters and social media have continued to be strongest.

Does your audience have different expectations of NVA now?

Absolutely! Most are very sympathetic to our situation. I think most patrons have gained a new appreciation for the importance of non-profits in their communities.

What responses has NVA received from audience members?

NVA held its first-ever streaming Latinx Drag Show as part of our Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. During the event, we received several texts, Facebook messages and emails from patrons letting us know how much they enjoyed and appreciated the event. One patron wrote, “This was so great! The absolute essence of inclusion! Drag, Latinx. Virtual. Free. This made me so happy.”

How has your audience changed?

Our audience has changed so much. Our community loves to see their family and friends up on the stage. We have moved to recorded online and virtual performances, but there’s a disconnect without audience participation.

How have you stayed in touch with your audience?

We reconnected through YouTube premieres of past shows. The chat feed with its ongoing messaging is a great attribute, allowing us to connect with our audience. We can reminisce about the show, have patrons ask questions and we play trivia.

What’s your favorite recent exchange with CCT’s audience?

There is one simple phrase that comes up every time from audience and performers “WE MISS YOU!” And, we miss them too!

150 days

Five months into a new position would usually mean feet are on the ground, you probably know where the office amenities – like the coffee machine, copier and supply rooms – are located, the majority of coworkers are becoming a familiar sight, and you are getting to know your work pretty well.

For this economic developer, the first 150 days have been a little bit different. Starting a new position during a pandemic has meant I still have no idea where the coffee machine or copier are. I haven’t met most of the colleagues I work with in person, but I can tell you every single person I’ve worked with at the city has been a champion for its businesses and residents. My feet hit the ground pretty quickly and due to the nature of the work, it was a sprint from the get-go.

Like running track, I can tell you a sprint is a great way to get going. One foot in front of the other, it’s reacting to the environment around you and moving as quickly as possible to get to where you need to be. In my case, it was evaluating the current economic circumstances – a public health emergency, a stay-at-home order, a business shutdown, and ever-changing industry guidance – and developing a suite of programs and services to address them.

Over the summer, my department, the Office of Innovation + Economic Development launched a survey of Carlsbad businesses. We needed to understand the most crucial pain points, which ended up being access to capital, lack of customers and an uncertain operating environment. From there, we deployed the Carlsbad Business Loan Program (carlsbadca.gov/loan) which provides financial relief for small businesses. We also established a relationship with the National Conflict Resolution Center to help mediate landlord/tenant disputes due to COVID-19.

As things began to open back up and with some visitors still making their way to Carlsbad, we made it easier for businesses to activate outdoor space and removed the associated fees to do so. We visited every hotel in the city to provide safety messaging and materials for visitors to Carlsbad. Along with the Chamber and Carlsbad Village Association, we launched Gift Carlsbad (GiftCarlsbad.com) – a shop local gift card program that stretches residents’ dollars, and drives revenues to Carlsbad businesses quickly. Since in-person meetings are still a challenge, we launched a new webpage to give businesses the latest data about Carlsbad’s economy and what’s like to have a business in Carlsbad (carlsbadca.gov/DoingBusiness). Because talent is still a priority for innovative businesses, but travel and in-person recruiting are difficult, we reimagined and relaunched our city-wide talent recruitment site (CarlsbadLifeInAction.com).

Through it all, we collaborated with our partners to maximize impact. Working more closely than ever, the Carlsbad Chamber, Carlsbad Village Association, and Visit Carlsbad have been essential in relaying clear information to our businesses. We’ve now collectively sent 21 Joint Communications to Carlsbad Businesses so that every business is receiving the same critical information and updates. More importantly, these organizations have been conduits to relay individual and widespread business issues to the city to help find solutions. Through them and others, I have started to get to know Carlsbad entrepreneurs and startups, small businesses, large corporate partners, innovation companies, manufacturers and more. These conversations, meetings and site visits with businesses have really shown more than anything that Carlsbad businesses are tenacious, innovative and resilient. Even in these tough times, there has been immense optimism for the future and what’s to come.

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Without live audiences allowed in different local cultural venues, many organizations are working on creating a virtual identity.
nearly $200,000 for civic society. The list of recipients over the years reads like a “who’s who” list in Carlsbad: Carlsbad Boys & Girls Club, Aqua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, Carlsbad Community Theatre, Carlsbad Music Festival, Carlsbad Unified School District, Kids for Peace, New Village Arts, and Solutions for Change, just to name a few.

However, CCF is not just trying to make an impact in the short term. Half of every dollar raised goes into immediate grant making each year and the other half goes into an endowment for long-term giving and stability. Their current endowment is over $850,000.

The Chair of the Board for 2020 is Justin Peak, a financial advisor in Carlsbad with Edward Jones. When discussing the impact of CCF, Justin shared, “For more than a decade, hundreds of community members have joined together to invest in programs that advance quality of life for all who live, work and enjoy Carlsbad. Surpassing $1 million in giving to the Carlsbad community is a significant milestone for our members and a testament to the power of collective philanthropy in the region.”

Membership in the Carlsbad Charitable Foundation entails a $1,000 annual donation, or $1,500 contribution to be a business member. And due to the generous Matt McLaughlin Live Here, Give Here program through the San Diego Foundation, every dollar donated to the CCF is matched dollar for dollar. Justin Frank, the Co-Owner of Bread and Cheese Eatery in Carlsbad is the Membership Coordinator this year for CCF. When asked about the value of being a member of Carlsbad Charitable Foundation, he shared, “CCF has been a great way to give back to my community. I love that by giving to CCF, I’m really giving to multiple local organizations! Couldn’t be happier to be part of such a great organization based on helping people in OUR community.”

To find out more about the Carlsbad Charitable Foundation, including how you can get involved, visit their website at www.sdfoundation.org/programs/regional-affiliates/carlsbad. Thank you to the visionaries who started CCF! And here’s to millions more dollars being poured back into our community!

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2020 General Election Results

The Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce has been following the races featured in its 2020 Voter Resource Guide published in October.

As of press time, 80.7% of the vote in San Diego County had been counted. Here are the results at that time. Proposition #5 is state-wide. The 2020 election will be certified on December 3.

CARLSBAD CITY COUNCIL – DISTRICT 2

Keith Blackburn 54.27%
Lela Panagides 41.22%

CARLSBAD CITY COUNCIL – DISTRICT 4

Teresa Acosta 57.06%
Phil Urbina 42.94%

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE – 49TH DISTRICT
(San Diego & Orange Counties)

Mike Levin 53.23%
Brian Maryott 46.76%

STATE ASSEMBLY – DISTRICT 76

Tasha Boerner Horvath 55.80%
Melanie Burkholder 44.20%

PROP 15
Property Tax to Fund Schools, Government Services

YES 48.2%
NO 51.8%

PROP 20
Parole Restrictions for Certain Offenses

YES 37.8%
NO 62.2%

PROP 21
Expands Governments’ Authority to Rent Control

YES 40.2%
NO 59.8%

PROP 22
App-Based Drivers and Employee Benefits

YES 58.5%
NO 41.5%

PROP 24
Amends consumer Privacy Laws.

YES 55.9%
NO 44.1%
When it comes to the sciences at MiraCosta College, nothing—not even the COVID-19 pandemic—is going to get in the way of student success. Just ask the recipients of more than 3,000 lab kits, containing everything from blood typing chemicals to animal organs for at-home lab work, after their classes were moved online because of public health-related campus closures.

“This has been a monumental effort, a collaborative effort, among our faculty, instructional lab associates, and administrative services professionals to ensure our students are afforded lab instruction across the sciences during this pandemic,” said Mike Fina, MiraCosta College’s dean of math and sciences.

The effort entailed moving the entire science lab curriculum online within just a few months to prepare for the fall semester, a process that included determining what the in-home labs would include and assembling some kits in-house, while purchasing other kits from a vendor.

MiraCosta College also arranged to get the lab kits into the hands of all its students through on-campus distributions, in-home deliveries for those lacking transportation options, and some were mailed to students living out of the region. One kit was sent to a MiraCosta College student in Belgium. Another was sent to a student in Virginia.

Microscopes were sent to the homes of microbiology students. Biotechnology kits include the same equipment—such as polymerase chain reaction machines—used in sophisticated lab analyses. In all, 3,023 students received at-home lab kits to ensure they would receive the same kind of experience as they would in a lab on campus. Students were also provided with all necessary protocols and safety recommendations.

Biotechnology major Dana Sharko said the impact on students goes beyond what is being taught. “It shows how much the college really cares about us and it does a lot for our confidence,” Sharko said. “I’m thankful for the college to provide us with the opportunity to keep going.”

Keeping it going for students has meant: Collecting and organizing 9,504 components for 288 anatomy dissection lab kits, including 864 animal organs.

Assembling and distributing 2,018 primary and supplemental lab kits to support 35 sections of nine chemistry courses.

Claude Clark, the center’s faculty coordinator, said, “It was a herculean effort, but we were able to offer online sessions via Zoom with services that now include virtual study rooms.”

Satvik’s family has been supporting the Indian school for years through various fundraising efforts. After learning about different ways to positively impact communities through Pacific Ridge’s service learning program, Satvik is taking a solo turn at supporting the school.

Due to the pandemic, many students at Sahasra Deepika have been forced to learn from home. Moreover, most of the families live in extremely poor conditions and do not have devices for online classes or for completing homework.

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During his freshman and sophomore years, Satvik has worked with three different student service groups. He has helped provide tutoring to the Bressi Ranch Boys and Girls Club and has purchased computer consoles for children in hospitals. Currently, he is a part of a group working with various organizations to support communities with large migrant and refugee populations.

“Af yet seeing how much of an impact I could make through service learning at Pacific Ridge, I was inspired to do more and take on this challenge,” Satvik said. Over the summer, after coming up with the idea for the art auction, Satvik teamed up with Pacific Ridge’s new Director of Service Learning, Germaine Jackson and studio art teacher Raymond Clark. “The transition to online courses has been really challenging for students for a variety of reasons, but overall MiraCosta College has done an excellent job leveraging our resources in helping students succeed, which is why we’re here.”

The transition underscores MiraCosta College leadership in STEM-related instruction. MiraCosta is home to a groundbreaking baccalaureate program in biomanufacturing and is among the initial cohort of 15 California community colleges securing approval from the California Community Colleges Board of Governor’s to offer a pilot bachelor’s degree program.

“Having the opportunity to purchase photography or videography services such as a one-hour photo shoot or video coverage of an event contributed by Pacific Ridge School community members.”

Assembling 7,500 different items for lab kits distributed to 150 microbiology students

Assembling 5,500 components in 62 lab kits delivered to students in support of their biotechnology coursework.

Assembling 256 blood-typing lab kits sent to physiology students.

Some $350,000 in CARES Act funding helped pay for the effort.

“Being able to replicate a hands-on lab experience is a game changer for a lot of our students,” said Biology Professor Raymond Clark.”

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When classes went online and the Oceanside Campus was shut down, faculty and professional staff went to work ensuring the STEM learning and tutoring center services continued unabated.

“We were rapidly able to change our operational modalities and go to online tutoring,” said Clark, the center’s faculty coordinator. “It was a herculean effort, but we were able to offer online sessions via Zoom with services that now include virtual study rooms.”

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When it comes to the sciences at MiraCosta College, nothing—not even the COVID-19 pandemic—is going to get in the way of student success. Just ask the recipients of more than 3,000 lab kits, containing everything from blood typing chemicals to animal organs for at-home lab work, after their classes were moved online because of public health-related campus closures.

“This has been a monumental effort, a collaborative effort, among our faculty, instructional lab associates, and administrative services professionals to ensure our students are afforded lab instruction across the sciences during this pandemic,” said Mike Fina, MiraCosta College’s dean of math and sciences.

The effort entailed moving the entire science lab curriculum online within just a few months to prepare for the fall semester, a process that included determining what the in-home labs would include and assembling some kits in-house, while purchasing other kits from a vendor.

MiraCosta College also arranged to get the lab kits into the hands of all its students through on-campus distributions, in-home deliveries for those lacking transportation options, and some were mailed to students living out of the region. One kit was sent to a MiraCosta College student in Belgium. Another was sent to a student in Virginia.

Microscopes were sent to the homes of microbiology students. Biotechnology kits include the same equipment—such as polymerase chain reaction machines—used in sophisticated lab analyses. In all, 3,023 students received at-home lab kits to ensure they would receive the same kind of experience as they would in a lab on campus. Students were also provided with all necessary protocols and safety recommendations.

Biotechnology major Dana Sharko said the impact on students goes beyond what is being taught. “It shows how much the college really cares about us and it does a lot for our confidence,” Sharko said. “I’m thankful for the college to provide us with the opportunity to keep going.”

Keeping it going for students has meant: Collecting and organizing 9,504 components for 288 anatomy dissection lab kits, including 864 animal organs.

Assembling and distributing 2,018 primary and supplemental lab kits to support 35 sections of nine chemistry courses.

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Due to the pandemic, many students at Sahasra Deepika have been forced to learn from home. Moreover, most of the families live in extremely poor conditions and do not have devices for online classes or for completing homework.

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During his freshman and sophomore years, Satvik has worked with three different student service groups. He has helped provide tutoring to the Bressi Ranch Boys and Girls Club and has purchased computer consoles for children in hospitals. Currently, he is a part of a group working with various organizations to support communities with large migrant and refugee populations.

“Af yet seeing how much of an impact I could make through service learning at Pacific Ridge, I was inspired to do more and take on this challenge,” Satvik said. Over the summer, after coming up with the idea for the art auction, Satvik teamed up with Pacific Ridge’s new Director of Service Learning, Germaine Jackson and studio art teacher Raymond Clark. “The transition to online courses has been really challenging for students for a variety of reasons, but overall MiraCosta College has done an excellent job leveraging our resources in helping students succeed, which is why we’re here.”

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Getting to know this year’s Workplace MVP

Seven months into the global pandemic, we decided to catch up with the winner of the 2020 CBAD Awards for Workplace MVP, Danae Kasarjian. Danae is the office manager at Calsense, a company that develops custom irrigation solutions for the government industry, and an active member of the Carlsbad Young Professionals.

What was your reaction when you heard you had won the Workplace MVP CBAD Awards?

Honestly, I was shocked. I was sitting at my desk eating a pint of Ben and Jerry’s Ice Cream when they announced my name. I heard two of my coworkers scream from their offices and I was just like “Wait, what?” It was such an honor to receive the Award, especially going up against someone so accomplished and distinguished.

Since your nomination and the awards show, so much has happened. How have you adapted during these past months to keep your company going?

I think the number one thing was trying to keep the culture going. With most of our workforce shifting to WFH life, it made keeping the culture alive hard. We started having themed Friday Quarantinis, where everyone in the company joins, has a drink, and unwinds after the week while discussing topics or dressing up. I think keeping that connection is very important during this time. For some, it is the highlight of their week.

What do you like the most about working at Calsense?

The people. I am surrounded by so many amazing people who inspire me daily to be better. I am constantly learning and growing and working with a team of people who have a common goal of helping to save the environment.

What recommendations do you have for people who are in your same position so they can succeed during this time?

Be easy on yourself. Do the best you can every day. Don’t be afraid to ask for help. Never stop growing. Make sure to have fun and laugh daily. Always treat people the way you would like to be treated.

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Danae Kasarjian receives her Workplace MVP CBAD Award from the Chamber’s President & CEO, Bret Schanzenbach.
What are the goals of this committee?
Our main goal is to reach out to current members to help enhance their membership and to help them know the value of a Chamber member. As conduits of communication between the chamber and its members, we convey the Chamber’s sincere appreciation for their membership, and relate back any questions, cares, or concerns the member may have.

What have been the highlights of the committee in the past year?
Before COVID-19 we went out and visited members. These visits allowed us to see the member may have.

What are the upcoming committee plans/events that a member or the community should not miss?
Look out for a call – or if you need any help or just want to talk email us at katherine@carlsbad.org. While we can’t visit other members, we continue to reach out to current and new members to give support.

Why should a member join this committee?
Members get to know fellow business members, build contacts and relationships that may help their business pursuits.

What impact does this committee have within the Chamber and the community?
It helps build stronger business relationships among the members.

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ADVENTURE AWAITS

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This holiday season, you can have authentic Mexican cuisine at your table by ordering from Pollos Maria.
The Village Faire Shopping Center provides locals and visitors with a great opportunity to support small businesses. All you need for the holidays in one spot.

The Village Faire Shopping Center is located in the heart of historic Carlsbad Village in Carlsbad, California. With its quaint style and flare, this unique boutique retail property is the home of more than 40 restaurants, shops and services surrounding a family-friendly fountain courtyard. Located just a block from the beach and train station, the Village Faire Shopping Center offers something for the entire family. From boutique shopping, dining or services, relax in the courtyard—a great place to take in the southern California sunshine.

Start your holiday shopping with unique gifts from a wide variety of shops like Linda’s Gift Boutique, Lavender Blu, Earth’s Elements & Wysh. Grab a bite at one of our 13 restaurants, which include Gregorio’s Italian Restaurant, Taste of the Himalayas and Gonzo Ramen, and stroll through our courtyard finishing off the evening with a Gelato from Gelato Love.

Join us for festive music throughout the holidays. Plan a day with us and support local businesses by shopping small. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

The Canyons Restaurant at The Crossings at Carlsbad is the perfect place to make memories! Dine with us for breath-taking ocean views and coastal California cuisine that will keep you coming back for more.

The Canyons Restaurant offers brunch on Saturday and Sundays with bottomless mimosas and bloody marys for only $18! While we are known for our famous brunch buffets, we are not currently offering a buffet until further notice. However, Executive Chef Phil Hay has come up with some amazing plated brunch items including our now famous Chicken & Waffles, Avocado Toast, Chilaquiles and more! For those who don’t know Chef Phil, he was the Executive Chef at The Crossings when we opened our doors in 2007. He was a vital part of the team until 2012 when he left to pursue another opportunity. We could not have been happier to welcome him back to the team this year!

At The Canyons, we have taken extra precautions to keep our guests and employees safe including following all county guidelines, temperature checks for all employees, masks required, and sanitizing all surfaces every hour. You can feel safe and socially distanced while dining on our THREE outdoor dining areas. Our Sunset Patio has firepits and big screen TVs, while our Canyons Patio boasts sweeping ocean views. Our newest addition is our Garden Terrace! We converted our Wedding Ceremony Lawn into another outdoor dining area so you can experience the best views in town where couples say “I Do” with an Ocean View.

For hours, menus, or reservations, visit www.thecrossingsatcarlsbad.com/dining or call 760-444-1800 x3.

If you’re looking for a memorable place to host an event such as a social event, corporate meeting, or a wedding, The Crossings is the perfect place! While we are not currently hosting any private events, we are booking for 2021 and 2022.

There’s no time like the present to plan ahead. From all of us here at The Crossings at Carlsbad, we cannot thank our customers enough for your continued support! Stay safe and Happy Holidays!

For more information call 760-444-1800 x4.
Give the gift of authentic flavors

Each of Vigilucci’s three locations is renowned for creating authentic flavors using only the highest quality of ingredients. With a concept that features Northern Italian cuisine, the menu includes made-from-scratch pastas, salads, seafood, steaks and wood-fired pizzas fired in a Florentine brick wood-burning oven. Gluten-free pasta and pizza options are available as well. (Pizzas are crafted at Vigilucci’s Trattoria location only.)

The restaurant boasts several signature dishes and offers daily seasonal specials. Its signature dishes are marked with a V.

You’ll want to try the Pappardelle con Funghi e Capesante entrée with homemade wide ribbon pasta with assorted field mushrooms and pan-seared diver scallops in a white truffle and brandy cream sauce. The Cioppino, seafood stew is almost enough for two.

Vigilucci’s Trattoria offers a unique take on a half-rack of baby back ribs, coffee rubbed, slow cooked. This dish, created by Chef Dana from New Orleans is a favorite of founder Roberto Vigilucci.

Vigilucci’s Private Events and Catering offers menus for memorable occasions. Whether you are looking for help with small intimate gatherings, weddings or business luncheons.

They have been crafting the art of dining for over 25 years. The catering menus consist of trays of antipasto, salad, pasta, sides and chicken, steak and seafood main dishes made to order and available for pick up or delivery up to and including full-service catering with rentals.

For Catering Contact Kim Maniero at cater@vigiluccis.com (760)670-7173

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“COVID safe” holiday celebrations with meals and small group events

Looking to celebrate the holidays in a safe, yet festive environment? Diane Powers’ Casa de Bandini in The Forum Carlsbad is a must!

Casa de Bandini has been delighting North County residents since relocating from Old Town in 2009, offering a delicious selection of award-winning Mexican cuisine, giant margaritas and handmade tortillas served hot-off-the-grill each day. With holiday décor to set the spirit, fine Mexican folk art, and colorful hand-painted murals, guests will feel the warmth and romance of Mexico as they enter the door.

The seasoned event staff can also help put together a “COVID safe” holiday fiesta to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with friends, family or co-workers. Groups of up to 30 can be safely accommodated, with custom designed menus to meet everyone’s needs and tastes, and the outstanding service customers have come to expect from this North County icon.

The menu features authentic dishes made with the freshest ingredients and original regional recipes, including favorites such as Carne Asada Tampiquena, flame-grilled carne asada topped with a grilled mild chile and grilled onions, served with a cheese enchilada, frijoles and guacamole; Carnitas a la Michoacán, slow roasted succulent morsels of pork served with soft hot tortillas, guacamole, salsa and frijoles de la olla; and the Fajitas Supremas, a sizzling platter of shrimp, chicken and beef marinated and combined with sautéed with bell peppers, onions, tomatoes and mushrooms, and served with tortillas, guacamole, Mexican rice and frijoles. Seasonal items, like the restaurant’s famous holiday Turkey Mole Tamales, will also be available through the end of December.

In keeping with the latest mandates, Casa de Bandini has implemented all required health and safety measures, including proper physical distancing throughout the restaurant and seating areas, ongoing cleaning and disinfecting of high-contact areas, required face coverings for guests and staff, and new, disposable menus for all customers. The restaurant has also expanded its outdoor heated patios – which were already some of the most beautiful in all North County.

For those wishing to dine from the comfort of their homes, Casa de Bandini’s full menu is available for takeout, including its wide selection of handcrafted margaritas. Or try one of the restaurant’s “Fiesta Express Meals,” which are large enough to feed the whole family – with leftovers! Delivery is also available through DoorDash, Postmates and The Office Express.

With its splashing fountains and beautiful heated outdoor patios, authentic Mexican cuisine and legendary margaritas, let Casa de Bandini turn your holidays into a fiesta! For more information about Casa de Bandini’s special event services, call 760-634-3443.

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