

PROJECTS APPROVED IN JUNE 2017

BACKPACK PROGRAM - \$5,500

Each year FOCUS provides backpacks containing school supplies to our projects and local school communities in need. Last year we supplied 10 agencies with 327 backpacks stuffed with school supplies. This is a FOCUS community event where we ask for many volunteers to help. This year we will fill 340 backpacks. The agencies we will support are:

Any Body Can

Aseltine School

Casa Cornelia

Christian Community Services

Dependency Legal Group

Episcopal Refugee Network

International Rescue

Mental Health Systems

San Diego Police Department

Voices For Children

SUPPORT THE ENLISTED PROJECT (STEP) - \$480

The mission of STEP is to take care of service members who volunteer and sacrifice so much to defend our nation. STEP provides financial counseling, education and when necessary, pays their critical bills to ensure that their basic needs are met while they are working to achieve financial self-sufficiency. We will be purchasing six convertible car seats that can hold a 5 to 100 lb. child.

AUTISM SOCIETY CAMP I CAN - \$1,200

Their mission is to improve the lives of all affected by autism in San Diego County. Camp I Can is a summer day camp for children with autism. This camp provides the special opportunity for these children to attend a camp like their typical peers in a supported and safe program designed specifically for them.

FOCUS will purchase necessary for the success of the camp which includes items such as baby wipes, tissues, first aid kits, white boards with markers, storage bins, games, balls, coloring books, tempera paint, brushes, bubbles, kites, playdoh and sunscreen.

FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION - \$2,500

The mission of Fisher House is to care for our military families while they take care of their loved one that is in a medical crisis. Fisher House Foundation is known for a network of comfort homes where military and veteran's families stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment.

We will replace an old non-working grill, as well as purchasing two new gliders that are used by the parents rocking small children. The goal is to have an outdoor setting for families with small children for a family dinner and a relaxing evening. Additionally, we will provide two blow-up beds in which children that are too old for a pack and play can sleep on, instead of in bed with their parents.