PROJECTS APPROVED IN MARCH 2017

UNITED THROUGH READING $2,100 Shopper: Joann Palmer
www.unitedthroughreading.org

United Through Reading is working with crew from the USS Theodore Roosevelt, an aircraft carrier which will have 6,000 sailors and marines on board when they deploy this summer. They also working with three smaller ships that will deploy in the same time frame: USS Princeton, USS Bunker Hill, and USS Pearl Harbor. FOCUS is able to provide five recordings set-ups (two for the carrier and three for the other ships). The gift will make it possible for 2,150 stories to travel across the oceans to military children in San Diego. 2,150 bedtime stories will help 4,300 San Diego children to fall asleep to the sound of their faraway parent's voice.

JUNIOR ADAPTIVE SPORTS CAMP $3,700 Shopper: Mandy Cohn
http://www.asrasportscamp.org

The Adaptive Sports and Recreation Association (ASRA) provides sports and recreational activities/opportunities for physically disabled youth, adults and veterans throughout San Diego County. Their signature event for youth is the Junior Adaptive Sports Camp, taking place this year from July 24th-29th at Miramar College and North Crown Point Shores (all FOCUS members are invited to attend the event). FOCUS is supporting this event by providing nursing supplies and tee-shirts for the children.

Nativity Prep Academy $1,000 Shopper: Lesley Angelino
http://www.nativityprep.org

The mission of Nativity Prep Academy is to provide an exceptional education and comprehensive college-access programs for hardworking, low-income students over the course of 11 years, from middle school through college. NPA students represent the first generation in their families to earn a college education.

Nativity Prep Academy is starting a Robotics Team and wants to participate in the First Lego Robotics League. The mission of the First Lego Robotics League is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting Mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills. Students must design, build, program a robot using the required robotics kits, and then compete on a tabletop playing field. All teams use the same kits to build robotics so they have an even playing field in terms of materials they can use. FOCUS will be providing the standardized robotics kits.