



Supporting Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy and Autism

**More than \$150,000 awarded to three local organizations
by The Foundation for Developmental Disabilities**

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(April 25, 2013, San Diego, California) Since 1985 the Foundation for Developmental Disabilities has been working hard to fill critical funding gaps in Imperial and San Diego counties for children and adults with developmental disabilities. The Foundation's funding has bolstered services for this most vulnerable population and their families in the areas of training, education, emergencies, affordable housing and program development. It relies on contributions and the generosity of the community to accomplish its mission.

The Foundation has awarded \$154,022 to three separate agencies to fund new programs that will provide services for people with developmental disabilities. Developmental disabilities include intellectual disability, autism, cerebral palsy, and epilepsy.

The Home of Guiding Hands (HGH) is one of the largest providers of supports and services in San Diego serving 800 children and adults with developmental disabilities. HGH will receive \$100,000 to develop a comprehensive therapy clinic in Imperial County, California. These therapies will include speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and family education programs. HGH is collaborating with the Crimson Center to expand these much needed services in an Imperial County location to be called *Integrated Therapies*.

The Fred Finch Center Dual Diagnosis Residential Treatment Center provides a place to live, school services, and therapy services for adolescents with developmental disabilities and severe mental illness or severe emotional or behavioral challenges. The center will receive \$34,672 to support visitation services for families that are designed to help the adolescents' successful return to their family home. The services will be provided with an emphasis on the families learning good practices that promote children's social, emotional and behavioral development.

The Mountain Shadows Support Group provides residential and day services for persons with developmental disabilities in Riverside and San Diego counties. Mountain Shadows will receive \$19,350 to develop an after school program in North San Diego County for children from age 6 to 22 years diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The Mountain Shadows Active Learning Center for Autism will provide daily after school services designed to help children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder to grow and thrive.

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