

## A Passian for GIVING



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### THE SWINERTON FOUNDATION

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A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in which employees can support causes close to their heart, with the financial backing of the company and the emotional support of colleagues.







Linda Schowalter

### LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

In our twelfth full year of operations, this year we reached a total funding of \$425,000 from the Swinerton company and various fundraising events. The Foundation has been certified by the Internal Revenue Service and the State of California as a nonprofit entity. The value of that status is that The Foundation can receive and make tax-deductible contributions. In fact, The Foundation can only make contributions to other certified nonprofit entities.

The Foundation adopted a philosophy, that we have a responsibility to help those in need and to support our employees to do the same. We believe this philosophy mirrors the attitude of our employees and properly reflects the "soul" of our company.





## Tracy Chiappone Hillbarn Theatre

Growing up with brothers, Tracy was always playing sports. As she got older, her interest in singing grew and she abandoned athletics when she started college. "I used to sing 'Love Will Keep Us Together' by Captain and Tennille in the car all the time when I was a kid. Once, someone who was listening told me I was a really good singer. It was all downhill from there." The truth is she was a born performer. The stage was, and still is, a favorite pastime that she cherishes.

An accomplished thespian—she performs in productions throughout the Bay Area, including the critically acclaimed San Francisco show Beach Blanket Babylon. One theatre that is especially close to her heart is the historic Hillbarn Theatre. Since 1941, the Hillbarn Theatre has served the San Francisco Bay Area by embracing this founding ideal: to create theatre with the community, for the community, striving always for excellence in production and education. Hillbarn is the sixth oldest continuously operating amateur theatre company in the nation and is the oldest company in San Mateo County.

Tracy was fortunate enough to audition and be cast in a show at the theatre in 2006. Between rehearsal and performance time, Tracy has devoted countless hours to Hillbarn. In 2014, she decided to join the staff as a vocal director—devoting even more hours than before—she prepares music, schedules rehearsals, and attends staff meetings. "I know the people who run the theatre very well so I always end up helping out in one way or another simply because they're my friends." The Swinerton Foundation was also happy to help, donating \$2,000 to the theater in 2014.



# **Breawn Oliver** Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

Breawn had never participated in a triathlon before, so when her friend Travis asked her to participate in the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation (CCFA)'s Team Challenge, she was a bit hesitant. It was her empathy for what Travis was going through that persuaded her. "I had only heard of this disease twice in my life. The first time was when my aunt passed away, and the second was after Travis was diagnosed." Since signing up, she realized that the disease is not Travis' fight alone. Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis affect an estimated 1.4 million Americans. Team Challenge is one of CCFA's largest fundraisers; the dollars raised help make new treatments possible and fuel the search for cures.

For 14 weeks, Breawn trained for the Challenge. Her teammates became more than friends; they became an extended family. When the Challenge day came, Breawn had the support to cross the finish line, but on mile 13 of the bike course, she was involved in an accident, leaving her unable to finish the race. It wasn't until Breawn received The Swinerton Foundation's contribution to the CCFA that she remembered why she signed up for the race in the first place. It was never about her; it was about all of those who suffer from Crohn's and colitis and their families. With the help of The Swinerton Foundation, Breawn raised over \$4,000 for the organization. Next year, she plans on raising even more money and crossing that finish line!



## Alan Wolf Sierra Forever Families

In 2006, Alan Wolf was approached by leadership to become involved in a charity in the Sacramento area. That's when he came across Sierra Forever Families (SFF).

Thousands of children and youth currently living in foster care are available for adoption. These children have not been able to reunite with their birth families and are often living with families who are not able to make a permanent commitment. The children are often school-age and older youth who may have experienced physical or emotional trauma in their lives. Like all children, they can thrive with the long-term stability of living with a loving family who has made a forever commitment to them. That's where Sierra Forever Families has made a difference. Founded in 1983, SFF has placed more than 3,000 children in permanent homes.

It only took attending one of Sierra Forever Families' events and Alan was invited to join the fund development committee. It was an easy sell. Not long after, he was placed on the Board, and has been serving on that Board for more than five years. As a Board member, Alan is asked to help lead the agency and raise funds so more parents can be united with children that need permanent families. But no matter how much time and dedication the Board members put in, Alan says the parents that adopt the children are the real heroes. "I look at my children—two mature, young women now—and I realize how much financial assistance, mentorship, love, and general guidance they require, and I cannot imagine a child with no parents having any chance in this world."



# Steve Cho, Kyle Burnham, & the Jordan High School Project Team Neighborhood Youth Achievers

Rick Moore, Vice President, Director of Community Relations, approached the Jordan High School project team with an idea: why doesn't Swinerton partner with Neighborhood Youth Achievers (NYA) and adopt a school in Watts, California? He told Steve Cho and his team that Swinerton had done this type of partnership in other communities, and he wanted to see if they would be interested in presenting the idea to Jordan High School—and it didn't take much convincing.

The project team coordinated with the school principal and the school counselor to present the opportunity to students of all grade levels to join a construction club. The criterion to join was simple – write a personal essay explaining why construction is important. The team was taken aback when they received over 30 essays. It was clear to them that the interest was there.

Since it began, the Swinerton team has invested over 200 hours to the program. They have also provided an information dinner to the family of the students, a field trip/lunch to the Jordan High School project site, and after-school help sessions to assist the students. The dedication of the students is evident; many students have never missed a meeting and the construction club is still going strong.

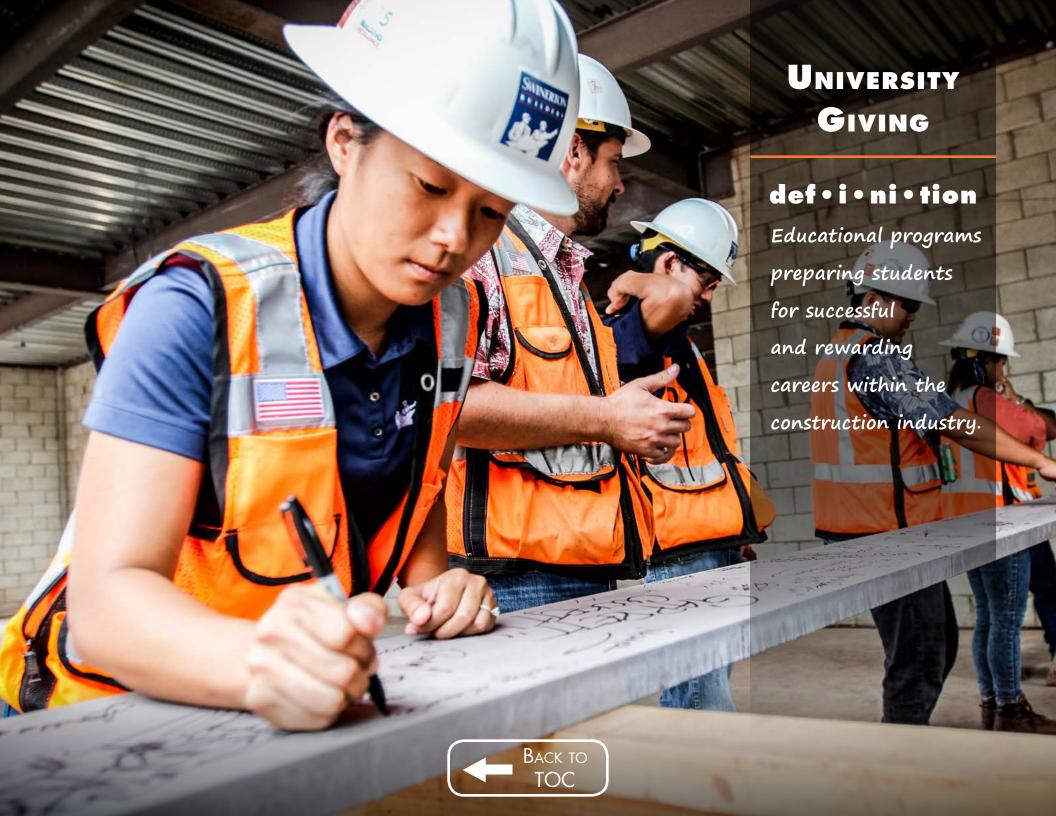














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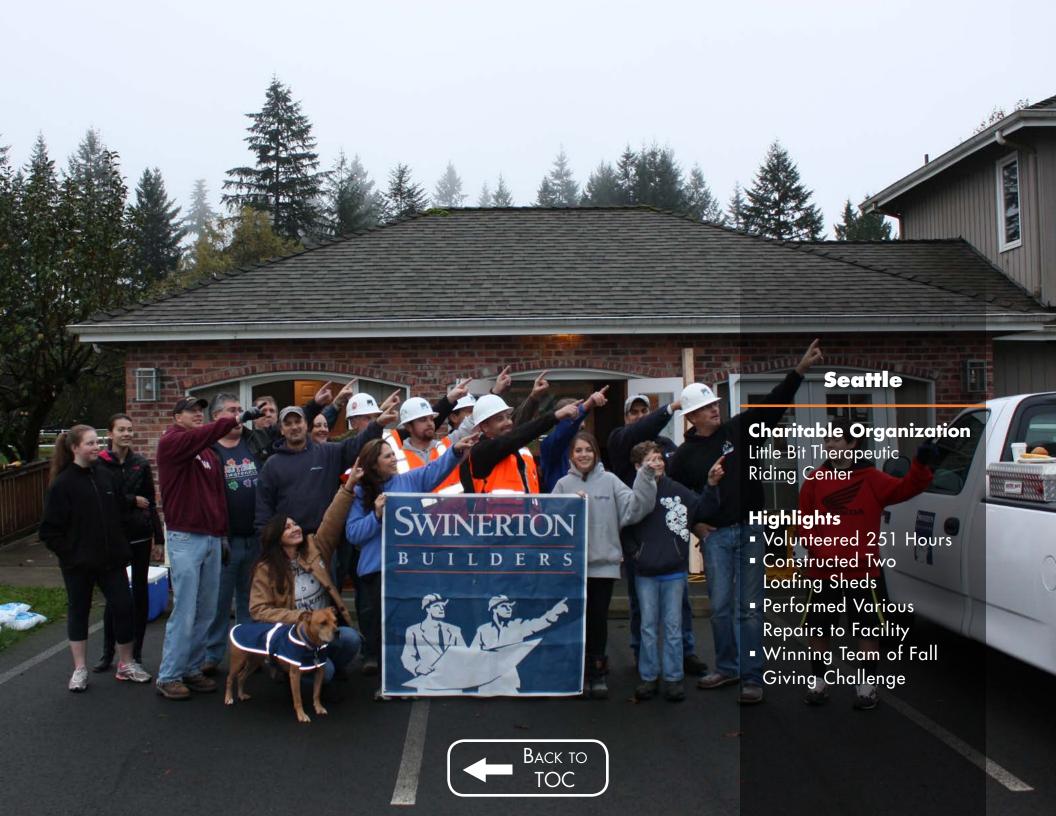


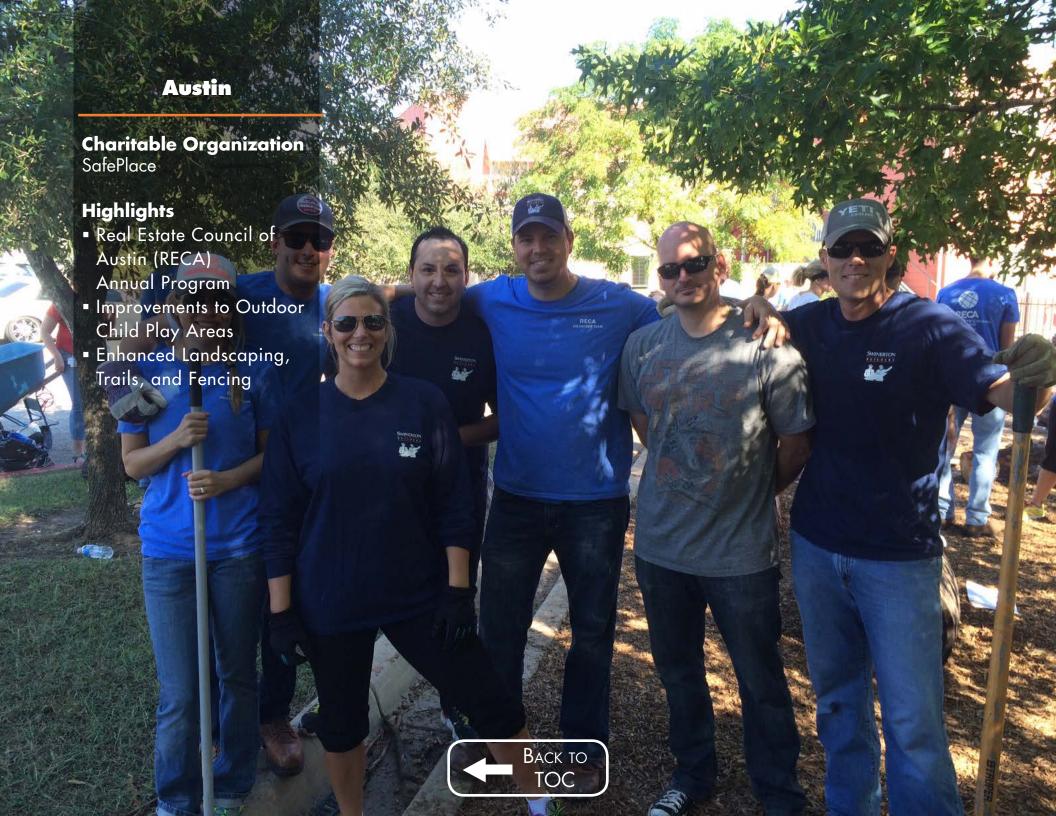












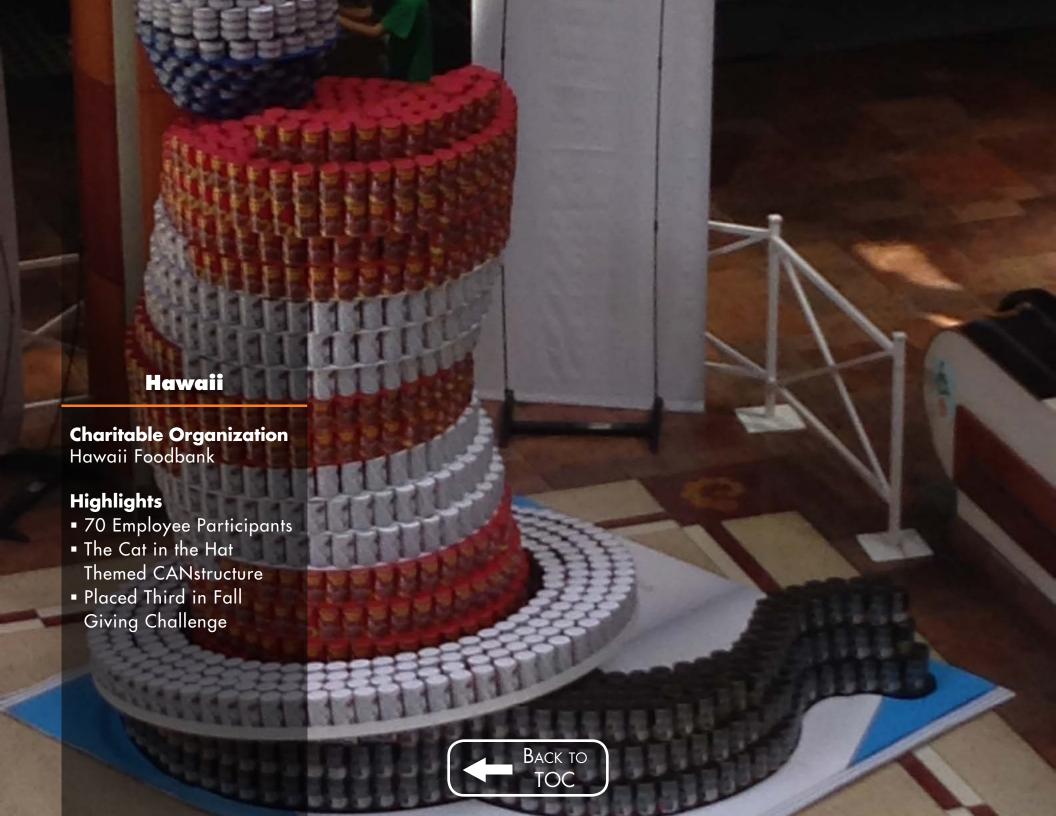




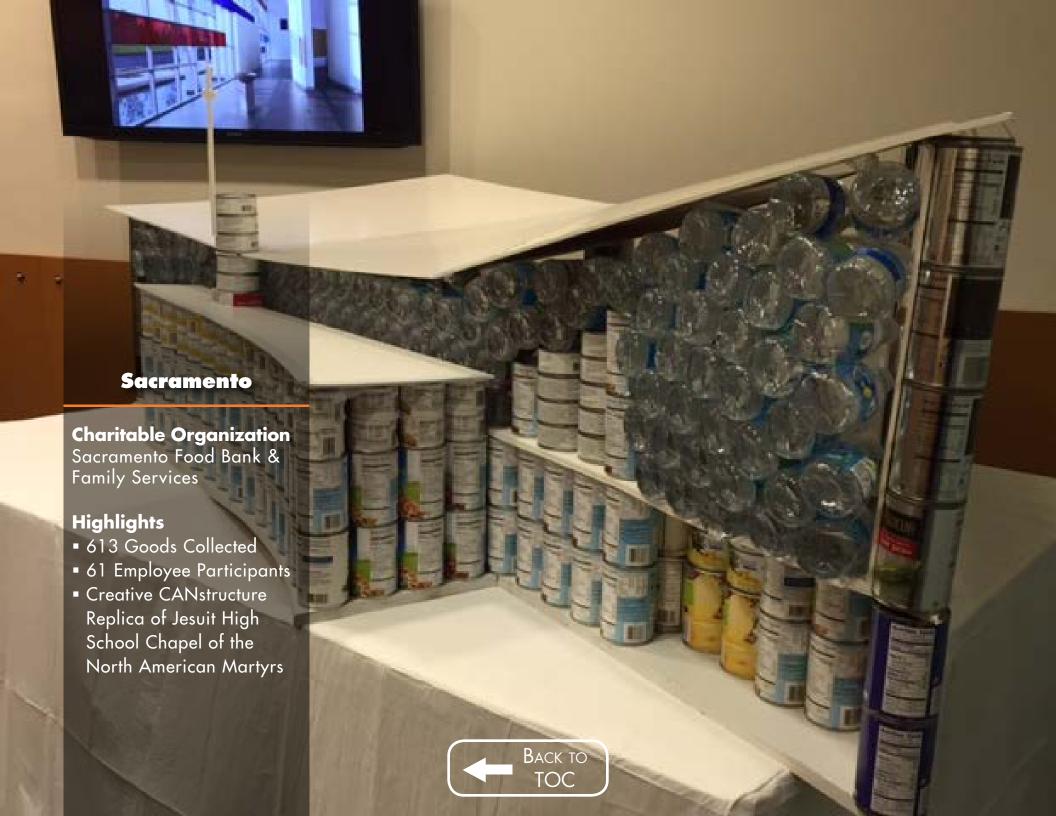














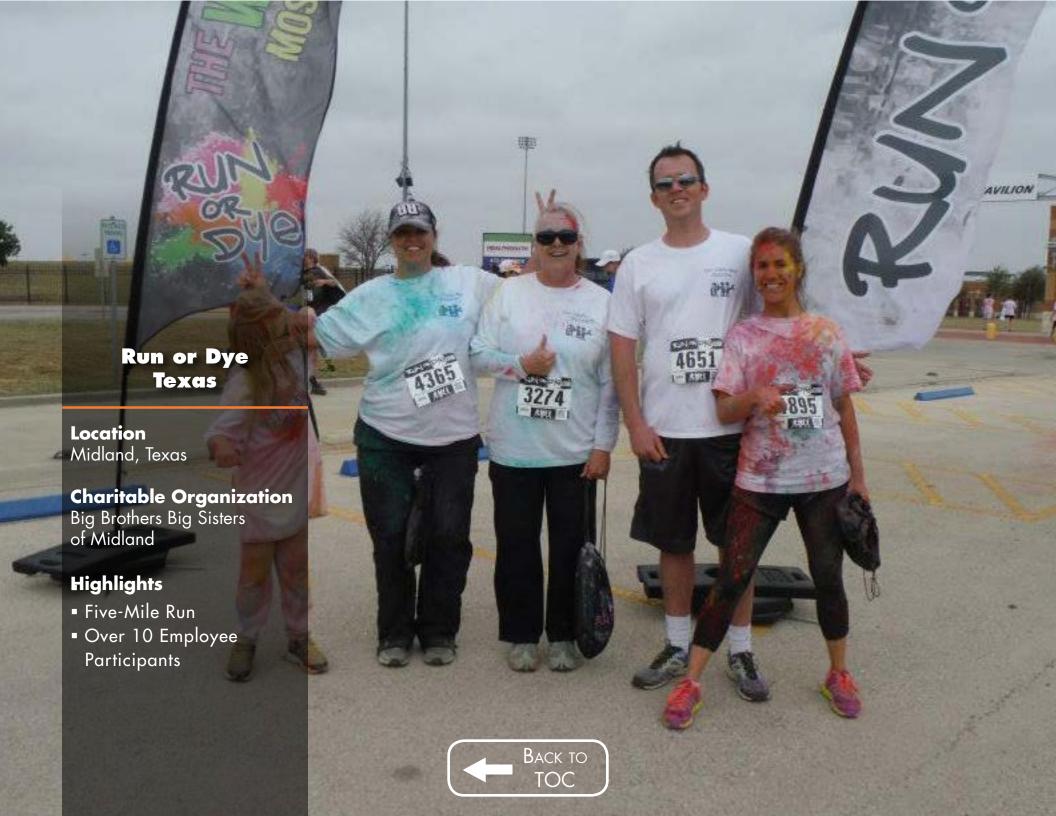
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Swinerton volunteers can use construction expertise and equipment for public benefit, host recreation and development activities, and promote positive community relations by communicating the company's contributive efforts.



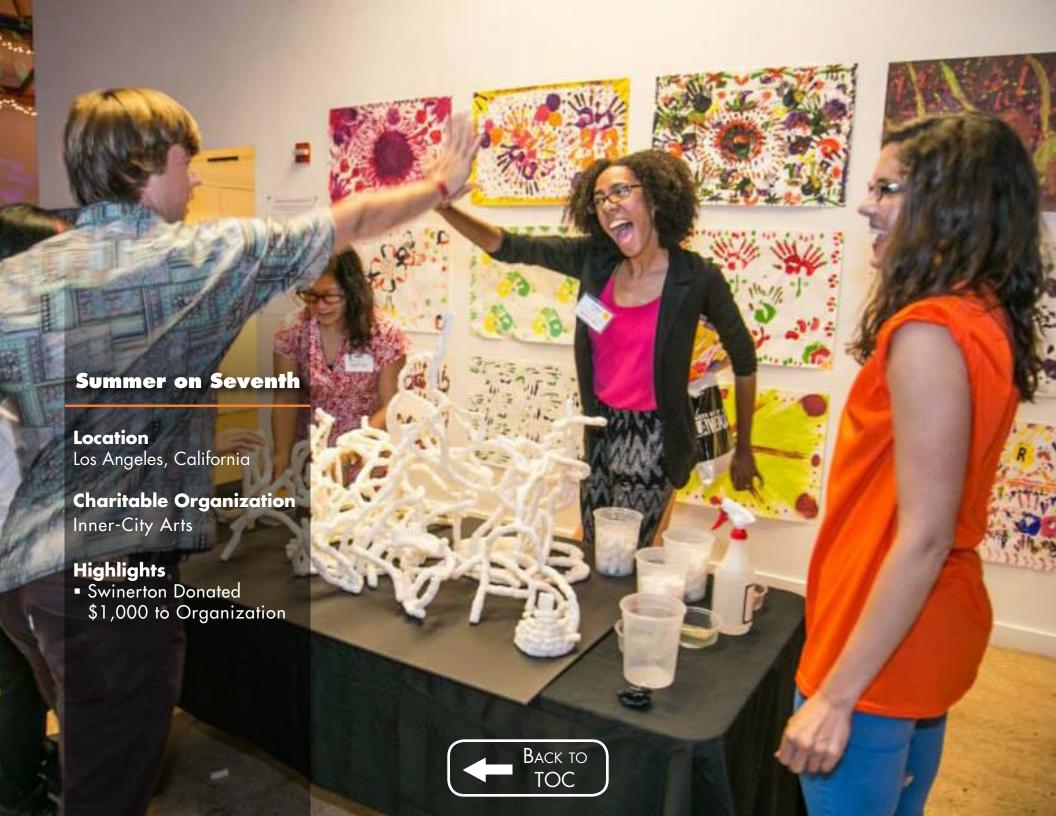


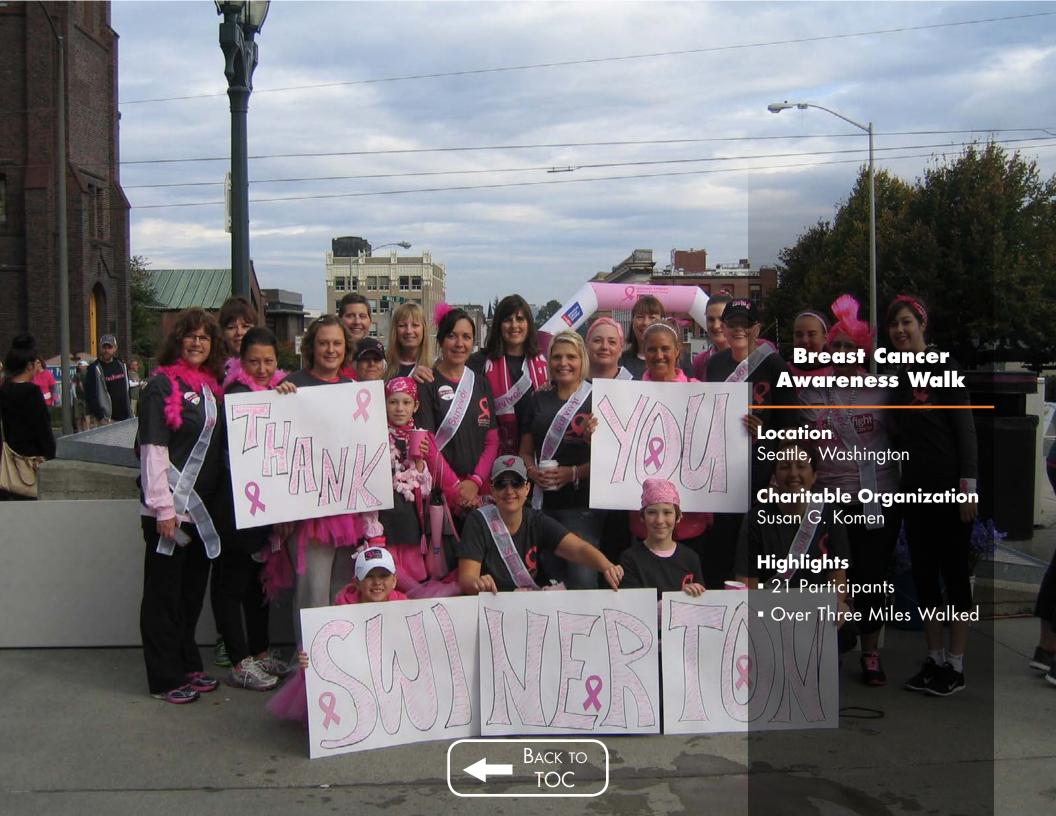


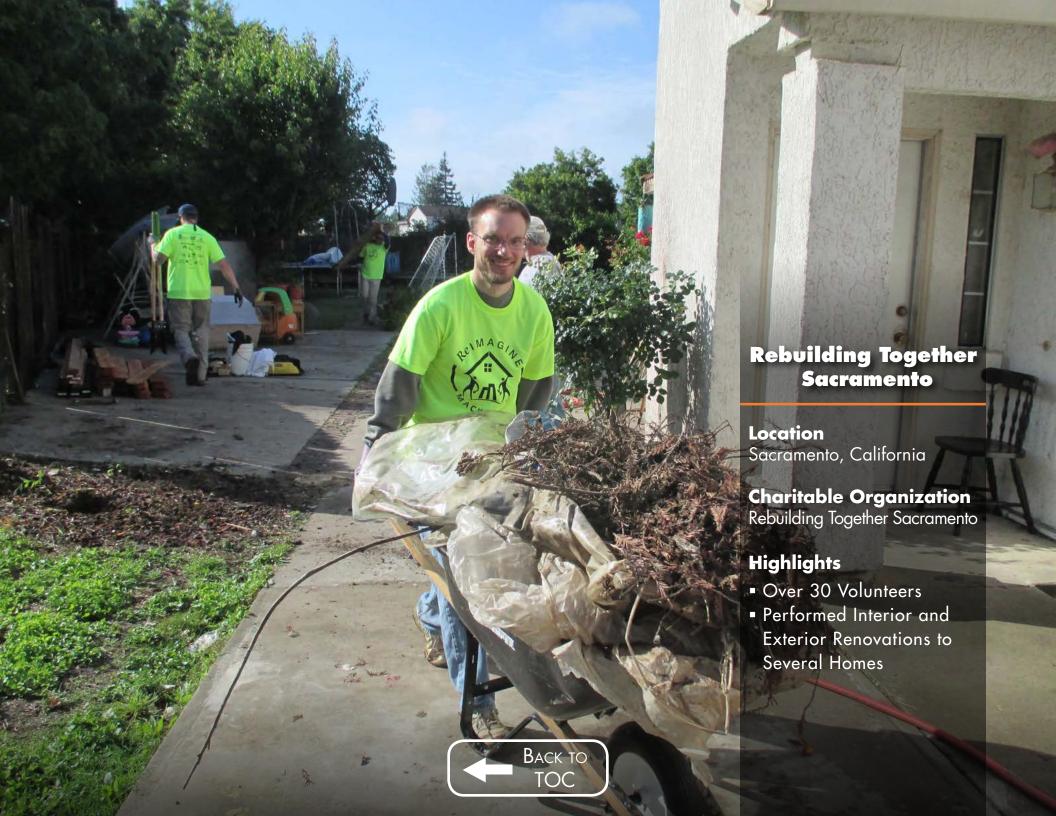


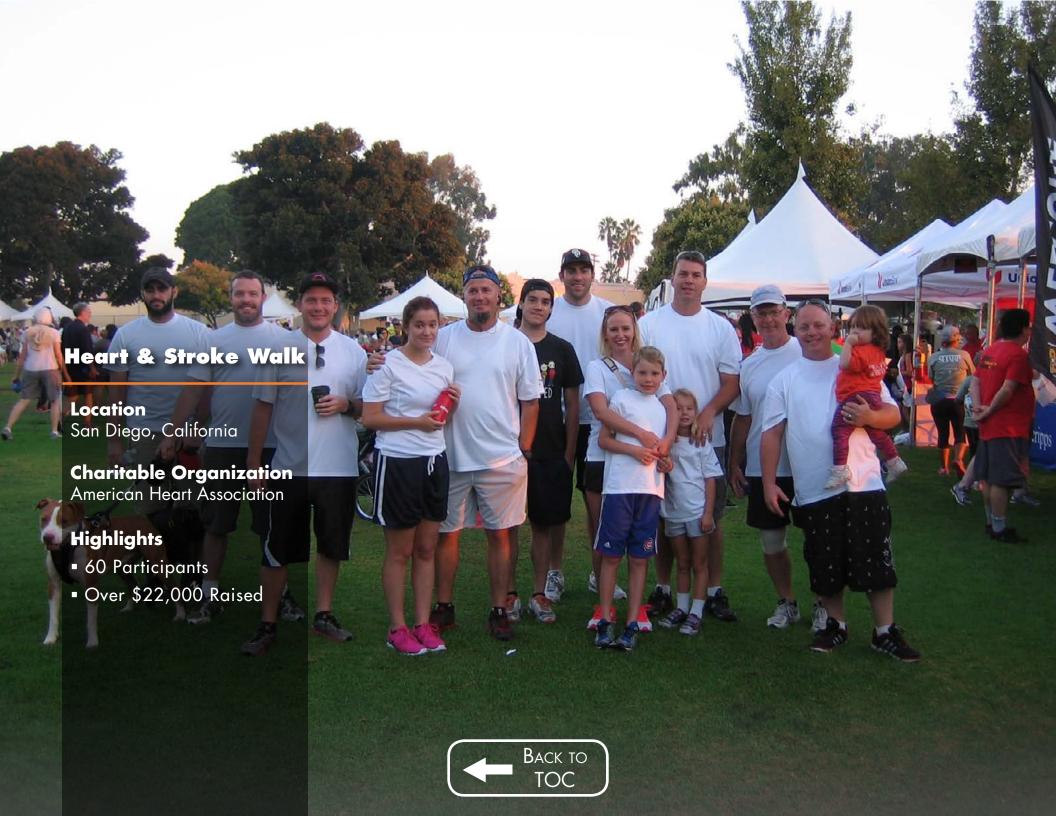




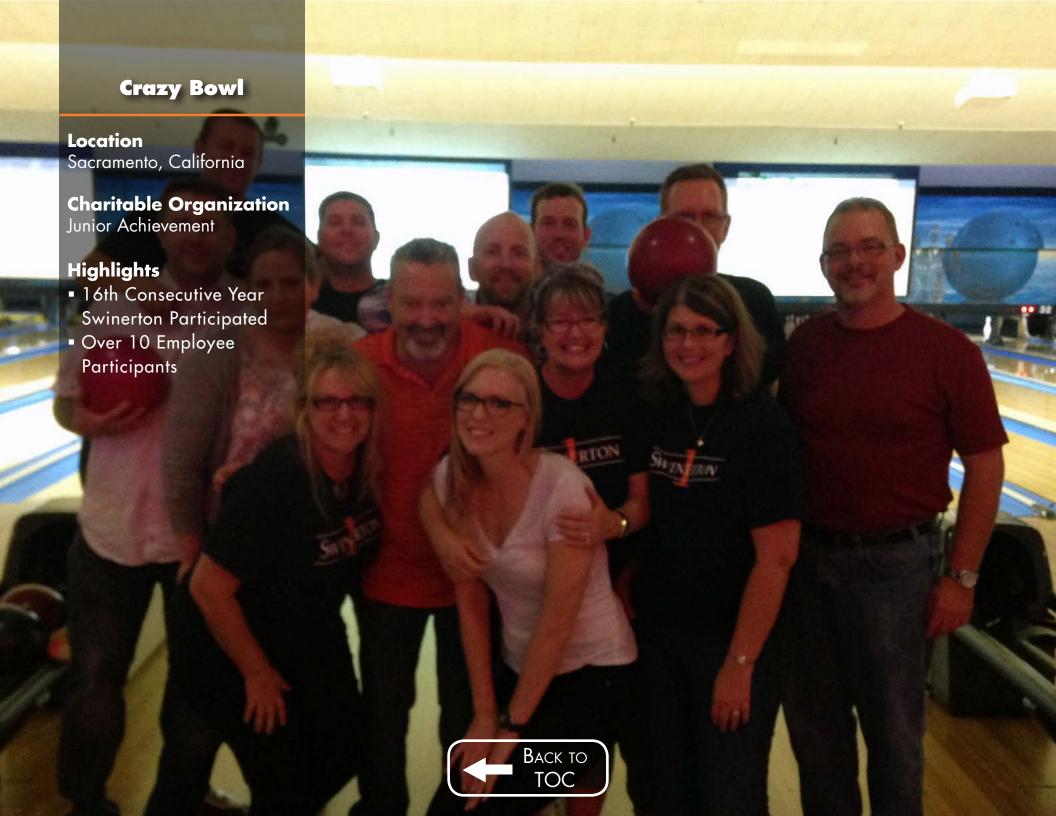


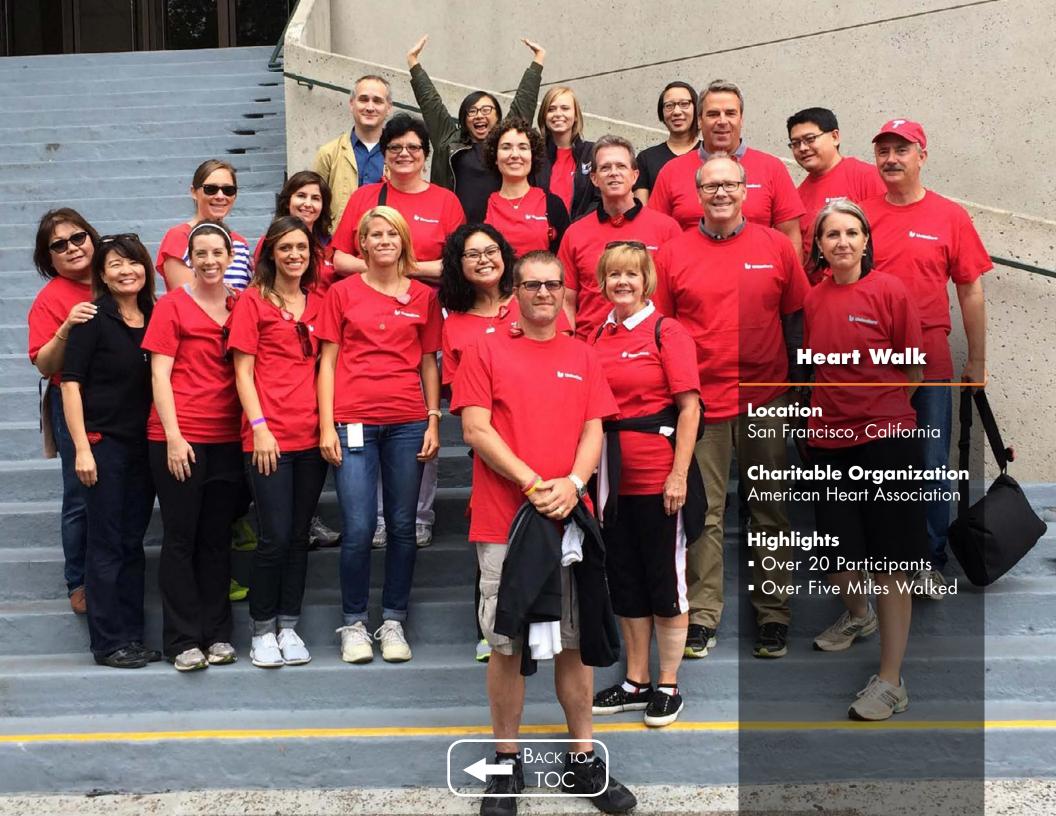














### Organizations That Received Monetary Contributions in 2014

**ACE Mentor ALS Golden West Chapter** Alzheimer's Association of Northern California **American Cancer Society** American Diabetes Association American Heart Association **American Lung Association American Red Cross** Anders & Anders Arthritis Foundation Asian Neighborhood Design Asian Women's Shelter Ataxia Telangiectasia Children's Project **Autism Speaks** Avon Foundation for Women Bay Area Deputy Sheriff's Charitable Foundation **Bay Area Rescue Mission Big Brothers & Big Sisters Boy Scouts of America Bridge Housing** 

**Bright Horizons Foundation for Children** 

Colorado State University CM Cares

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America

**Community Services Program** 

Call to Rescue

**Charles Reid Foundation** 

**Child & Family Service** 

**California Community Connection Corporation** 

Community Services Programs Huntington Beach Youth Shelter Cypress Mandela, Inc. Training Center **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation** Delta Flight Museum Denver Children's Home Foundation Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area **Downey Symphonic Society Feeding America** Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano County Get on the Bus Golden Gate Philharmonic Great Aloha Run / Carole Kai Charities **Gritty City Repertory Theatre Guide Dogs for the Blind** Hawaii Foodbank Hillbarn Theatre **Honor Our Troops** Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership **Inner City Arts** INPEACE

**Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** 

**Little Bits Therapeutic Riding Center** 

**Los Alamitos Education Foundation** 

Leap

Little Kids Rock

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Lucile Packard Children's Hospital MacCanDo Tenderloin Youth Track Club

March of Dimes

Mission Hiring Hall

National Black Contractors Association YouthBuild

National Forum of Black Public Administrators

Neighborhood Youth Achievers

On Lok, Inc.

One Flap Down Foundation, Inc.

Pacifica Spindrift Players

Parents of Watts

Peninsula Humane Society

Prostate Cancer Foundation

**PUENTE Learning Center** 

Raising A Reader

Rebuilding Together

Roadtrip Nation Org

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Royal Family KIDS

Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

Safe Place Austin

San Francisco AIDS Foundation

San Francisco Symphony

Santa Cruz AIDS Project

Second Harvest Food Bank SF Fire Fighters Toy Program

SFMOMA

Sierra Forever Families

SMMUSD Young Collegians

Soroptimist Foundation

Special Olympics of Northern California

SPUR

St. Anthony Foundation

St. John's Well Child & Family Center

St. Vincent de Paul Society

**SteppingStone** 

Susan G. Komen

The Gathering Place

The Institute for Human Services

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Unity Council

USS Midway Museum

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