

Members Helping Others over the Holidays

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Many of our members were once again busy over the Holiday Season volunteering and donating to various causes throughout San Diego county. Among the CASD members who made a difference were **Alex Scheingross** and **Sean Simpson** who kicked off Thanksgiving Day at 8:00 a.m. by volunteering for the Salvation Army Shelter and serving hundreds of meals to the homeless. Alex has volunteered every year from 1994 through 2004 and was back again this year. This has also been a family event for Alex over the years; he has taken his sons and even his nephew from Israel. Alex's younger son was interviewed by Channel 39 TV a few years ago and when asked what his wish for next year would be, stated: "I hope everyone here has their own Thanksgiving Dinner to go to next year instead of having to come here".

Alex describes the volunteer effort as being monumental, but meticulous. Even though the utensils are plastic and paper plates are used, every effort is always made to make the hundreds of guests feel like they are receiving the "royal treatment". After all the guests are seated, the volunteers create a "circle of love" whereby all the volunteers line up around the perimeter of the room and completely surround it while a spokesperson from the Salvation Army tells the hundreds of guests that all the volunteers are there out of love for them. Alex and Sean were both very touched by this moment as well as the whole volunteer experience and they encourage other CASD members to volunteer with them next year!

Our own **Dan Krinsky** and Shawn Kelly once again held their yearly guest bartending gig at "Good Time Charlies" in Pacific Beach in early December. Bar owner, Charlie Somal, donated all tip proceeds from Dan and Shawn's efforts to benefit the youth at Father Joe's Villages. Donations also came in from people who couldn't attend the event. Dan presented a check to Father Joe in the amount of **\$3,000.00**. That's a LOT of drinks, Dano! CASD members who were either present or made donations were: **David Demanski, James Golper, David Sullivan, Eric Rivera and Ajay Kwatra**.

The San Diego Chapter of Childhelp held one of its two yearly fund raisers in December. This year's event, called "Holiday Fantasia", was held at La Costa Resort and included a luncheon, fashion show, silent auction, live auction and shopping extravaganza. All funds raised go to the Childhelp Village in Beaumont, California, the main center location in Arizona, or the recently opened Childhelp Room at the Family Recovery Center in Oceanside, CA. CASD's **Marcy Kaye** was chair of publicity and I joined her. The Childhelp organization does an amazing job to help children of all ages who suffer from abuse, neglect and trauma who have nowhere to turn, providing counselors, therapists, animal therapy, schooling, clothes, shoes, food and some housing. other necessary items for children who are housed there. Marcy would love to see fellow CASD members get involved in this very worthwhile organization! You may contact Marcy directly at: Modelatty@aol.com, or 858-485-1569. Learn more about Childhelp at: www.childhelp.org.

If any of you are involved in community organizations, I invite you to forward information regarding

such efforts to me at: KWick@KWickLaw.com or call at 619-544-9425.

Krinsky bar photo: Shawn Kelly, Father Joe Carroll, Dan Krinsky, Charlie Somol (owner of Good Time Charlie's) and Dave Miller (general manager).



Salv Army dinner photo:

Alex Scheingross (left) and Sean Simpson with Mary Ruth Hansen, coordinator for Salvation Army Thanksgiving dinner.

(Childhelp photo): Marcy Kaye (left) and Karin Wick at Childhelp fundraiser "Holiday Fantasia".

