



**San Diego County Ford Dealers Fund \$15,000 for New  
Combined Health Agencies' Program  
Fordify the Family**

*for-ti·fy* (fôr tî-fī)

*To make strong, as: a. To strengthen and secure. b. To reinforce by adding material. c. To impart physical strength or endurance to; invigorate. d. To give emotional, moral, or mental strength to; encourage. e. To strengthen or enrich.*

Every day the 24 member agencies of [Combined Health Agencies](#) support families in San Diego County. Recently, the San Diego County Ford Dealers provided \$15,000 to start a new program called Fordify the Family. This program specifically supports camps for children, respite care programs and support groups.

The Fordify the Family program, developed and managed by Combined Health Agencies, is focused on enriching and strengthening the bond of even more San Diego families. By supporting the families of our community we will make San Diego a healthier place to call home.

Members of Combined Health Agencies are eligible to apply for funds through the Fordify the Family program for additional support of a specific program. To date Alzheimer's Association, American Diabetes Association, American Lung Association in California, Arthritis Foundation, Autism Society of America, Burn Institute, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Epilepsy Foundation of San Diego County, Fresh Start Surgical Gifts, Hemophilia Association of San Diego County, Muscular Dystrophy Association, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Parkinson's Association of San Diego, and Sickle Cell Disease Association have all benefitted from the opportunity.

Not only does the Fordify the Family program provide additional funds to support existing agency programs but also gives the San Diego Ford dealers a chance to have a hands on experience. John Ham from Perry Ford took advantage of this experience and spent a day at the Autism Society of America's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Surf Camp.

"It was such a treat for me to visit Camp I CAN and have the opportunity to meet Anthony, the camper Ford sponsored," said John Ham from Perry Ford in Poway. "I loved getting in the water and helping Anthony with his surf lesson. It was an experience I'll never forget."

Annually, the 24 members of Combined Health Agencies touch over 1.6 million San Diego County residents, inspire over 12,000 volunteers and fund millions of dollars in local medical and scientific research. These organizations work diligently year round to support San Diego families and with the grant from the San Diego County Ford Dealers Association, Combined Health Agencies can assist these 24 charities reach even more families.

*Founded in 1970, Combined Health Agencies is a non-profit federation of 24 [health agencies](#), committed to improving our community's health by supporting member agencies through individual and corporate giving.*

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