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LOCAL RESIDENTS HONORED AS VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

SAN DIEGO — The 24 health charities of [Combined Health Agencies](#) could not impact the lives of 1.6 million San Diegans every year without the tremendous support of a special group of individuals-volunteers. Every year the members of Combined Health Agencies inspire over 12,000 volunteers, but the 24 honored at this year's Volunteer of the Year Awards have truly gone above and beyond.

Susan Day, President of Combined Health Agencies, spoke highly of the honorees that make so many programs and services possible, stating, "These individuals have given selflessly to our member organizations and their efforts are evident throughout the entire San Diego community in the form of countless events, summer camps and leadership roles."

The Volunteer of the Year Awards event is possible due to the generous support of our sponsors; including GlaxoSmithKline, PhRMA, Takeda, Sanofi Aventis, and Sonnenberg & Company CPAs. KUSI's Bridget Naso, and fellow San Diego volunteer, was the emcee of the event for the fifth consecutive year.

The 2011 honorees are listed below with the nominating member agency in italics:

Wayne Back

Stepping Stone of San Diego

Susan Beat

Arthritis Foundation

Gerardo Becerra

Lupus Foundation of Southern California

Sandy Braff

Alzheimer's Association San Diego/Imperial Chapter

Arlene & Phil Bresnick

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Sharon Brower

San Diego Hospice and The Institute for Palliative Medicine

Todd Browning

Epilepsy Foundation of San Diego County

Dennis Caco

American Liver Foundation

Tom Cleary

Fresh Start Surgical Gifts

Tila Cota

Autism Society of America

Mike Cushing

Sickle Cell Disease Association

Julie Frank

American Diabetes Association

Carole Frost Kelley

American Melanoma Foundation

Gloria Hiland

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association

Dustin Kuhn

The Bum Institute

Dick Krumvieda

Combined Health Agencies

Bill Martin
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Jeff Messerly
Hemophilia Association of San Diego County

Bill Miller
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Keith Miller
Muscular Dystrophy Association

Marianne Morissette
American Lung Association

Spencer Plumb
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Andrew Poat
Mental Health America

Donne Willett
Parkinson's Association of San Diego

Photos from the event and videos of honorees' impact are available by request.

Combined Health Agencies has been United Way's health partner in the United Way/CHAD Campaign since 1974. As a federation of 24 local health charities, Combined Health Agencies is focused on keeping San Diego healthy and providing resources to those with specific health conditions.

Annually, the 24 members of Combined Health Agencies offer hundreds of client and community programs and services, as well as public and professional education programs. In addition, in the last five years members have invested over \$150 million in *local* medical and scientific research projects.

Combined Health Agencies supports member agencies through financial measures as well as leadership and organizational development opportunities. Along with workshops, Combined Health organizes two events each year giving member agencies a fantastic opportunity to show their appreciation to one of their volunteers and to a local health hero.

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

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