# URBAN CORPS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY



# 2018 Annual Report



'My life before joining Urban Corps was a disaster. Not only was I a teen mom but I was homeless and lost. I had no direction. Being at Urban Corps has changed my life and has been a magnificent experience. I have learned respect, discipline, patience and even self-control. Being here has opened my eyes to the importance of my future. "



Monica

Learning Earning Conserv

25 year old Corpsmember

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### Mission

Urban Corps of San Diego County is a certified local conservation corps and charter school whose mission is to provide young adults with a high school education combined with job training and community service in the fields of conservation and recycling, which assist youth in becoming more employable while protecting San Diego's natural resources and instilling the importance of community service.



### **Program Overview**

The nationally recognized conservation corps model addresses underserved young people's needs for education and job skills and also the broader community's needs for environmental and neighborhood improvements. Urban Corps' dual focus program includes a second chance high school education with paid job training, industry recognized certifications, life skills coaching, supportive services, and college and career placement. Our participants, called Corpsmembers, attend our WASC accredited Charter School two days a week and participate in job training projects three days a week in the fields of community improvement, urban forestry, environmental services, recycling, and construction.

After completing the program, youth are more employable and have the skills and confidence to succeed in the workforce, and know the importance of conservation and giving back.

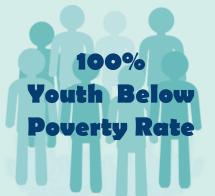


# **URBAN CORPS**

2017/2018 IMPACT **By the numbers** 



219 075 by of E-waste Collected & Recycled











778,300 sq. ft
of Graffiti
Removal

340 Acres of Habitat Restored

6,976 Acres
of Hazardous Fuel
Reduction
(Fire Fuel Reduction)



24,542 Draught
Resistant Foliage
Planted

### **HIGHLIGHTS** OF THE YEAR

# City of Carlsbad Parks Maintenance Administrative Office Remodel

Urban Corps worked with the City of Carlsbad to provide neighborhood revitalization, landscaping, maintenance and remodeling of the Administrative Office Building. The scope of the remodel included framing, dry-walling, texturing and painting in three locations in the facility, removal and installation of doors and windows and base board installations, Urban Corps also participated in fix up community events, landscaping, recycling, and creating mini libraries.





# Recycling Department: E-waste activities explode!

The Recycling Department's e-waste activities included: 59 e-waste Recycling events, 260 hours of e-waste specific training to Corpsmembers and 219,073 pounds of e-waste collected!

#### **Yosemite Tent Camp Spike**

In collaboration with CAL FIRE's Forest Health Program, Urban Corps was asked to complete reforestation and restoration projects during an eight-day camping spike. Work during this project included clearing vegetation, fuel load reduction and forest thinning.





#### **Tree Balboa**

Through a partnership with Balboa Park Conservancy, 25 Corpsmembers were provided with the opportunity to plant and install irrigation to 500 trees in the historic Balboa Park. Corpsmembers got a chance to work in one of San Diego'a most iconic locations.

# **Financials**

# Urban Corps of San Diego County Audited Financial Highlights

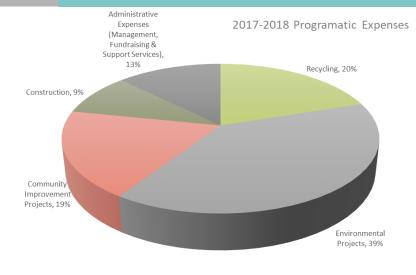
Total Contributions & Revenue: \$11,175,611 Total Operating Expenses: \$11,268,946 Ending Net Total Assets: \$9,043,506

# Urban Corp; Charter School (A Sister Agency)

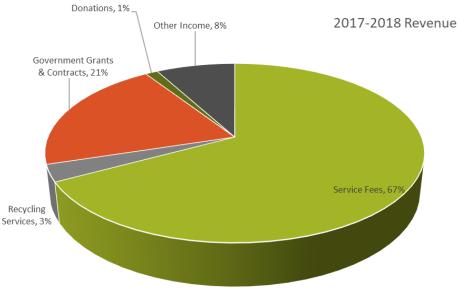
Fiscal Year 2018: \$3,200,000

The State of California Funds Urban Corps Charter School based on student attendance, also known as Average Daily Attendance (ADA).





- Recycling
- Environmental Projects
- Community Improvement Projects
- Construction
- Administrative Expenses (Management, Fundraising & Support Services)





■ Service Fees ■ Recycling Services ■ Government Grants & Contracts ■ Donations ■ Other Income

### **GRATITUDE** to our funders and donors

1-\$499

Paula Taylor Bob Benson Bruce Saito Dan Thomas Daniel Morales Diane Chalmers Eric Hostetter Ingrid Gonales

Jane Baker John Mendez Karen Gordon

Ludwig

Kari Martone Katy Dessent Kevin Schlegel Leon Brooks Michele Marcus Norman Zall Patricia Fishtein Patrick Royball

Paul & Gail Mclain-Lugowski Philip Scholtz

Stephanie Mood Vinitha Jagtab

Watson & Eron Branch
Combined Federal

Campaigh

\$500-\$4,999

Brakke Schafnitz Insurance Brokers Inc. Ingrid Nielsen
Matt Manning

Mission Federal

NonProfits United Robert Chavez

**Tracey Williams** 

Vera Y. Wang and Jing

Wang

\$5,000—\$9,99<u>9</u>

EMS Management

American Internet Mortgage

San Diego County Employees Charitable Organization \$10,000-\$100,000

Caesars Enterprise Services (Harrah's)

**Guild Giving Foundation** 

Las Patronas

SDG&E Environmental Champions

R. J. Donovan Correctional Facility

Supervisor Ron Roberts, County of San Diego

Walter J. & Betty C. Zable Foundation

## **Our Family of PROJECT PARTNERS**

Adams Avenue Business Association

Allan Company

Aramark Facility Services Balboa Park Conservancy

Barrio Logan MAD

**Barrio Station** 

**BAE Systems** 

Bonsall Unified School District

CAL FIRE

CalRecycle

California Fire Safe Council

California Conservation Corps

California Natural Resources Agency

California State Parks-TJ River National Estuarine Research Reserve

California Workforce Development

Board Caltrans

City Heights Business Association

City of Carlsbad City of Coronado City of Chula Vista City of Encinitas City of Oceanside City of Poway

Community Housing Works

City of San Diego

City of Santee

Civic San Diego

Cleveland National Forest

County of San Diego

Coastal Roots Farm Desert Green Solar Farm

Escondido Union High School District

Franklin Croft Inc.

Friends of Cardiff and Carlsbad

State Beach

I Love A Clean San Diego

IMS Recycling

Jacobs Center

Leichtag Foundation

Metropolitan Transit System Mission Trails Regional Park

ONE San Diego

Piazza D'Oro Land LLC.

Price Charities

Ocean Discovery Institute

Oceanside Mesa LLC

Overland Pacific & Cutler Inc.

Pauma-Yiuma Band of Luiseno Indians

Reliable Tires Inc.

Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County River Partners

San Diego Gas & Electric

SDG&E Energy Innovation Center

San Dieguito River Park

San Diego Canyonlands

San Diego Foundation

San Diego Park & Recreation

San Diego River Park Foundation

San Diego Unified School District

Santee Unified School District

SDSU Panhellenic Association and

Inter Fraternity Council

SDSU Research Foundation

Stephen Hawking Charter School,

Sweetwater School District

Tree San Diego

University of California San Diego

Nimitz Marine Facility

Unified Port of San Diego

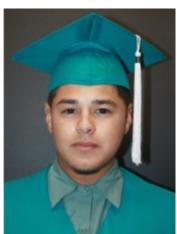
Viejas Fire Department

# **GRAD STORIES**

"My name is Raghad Al Bawab. I am from Damascus, Syria, and I lived there during the war. After that event, I experienced moving to many places, and understanding what it means to start from zero again, and again, and again. I remember being full of dreams in a world that didn't have enough space for all of them; because it seemed so crowded with all these conflicts and struggles, wars all over the world, climate changing, and a lot of other things. We moved to California hoping to find better opportunities, and we found one. The Migration Agency told us about the Urban Corps program. I have advice for others and it is to remember the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. And at the end I stand proudly as a Syrian, Muslim, refugee, woman graduating from a wonderful place called Urban Corps."



- Raghad Al Bawab



"I was born in Sinaloa, Mexico and immediately after my birth both of my parents were incarcerated for reasons I still do not know about. At 5 years old, I was brought to America for a better life. I had a hard time in high school and ended up dropping out. I found out about Urban Corps and attempted to complete the program several times. The 4<sup>th</sup> time stuck! I graduated with my high school diploma in December 2017. Urban Corps taught me a lot including helping me learn what my passions were and giving me the confidence to go after them. I worked in the Construction department and enrolled in the MC3 training program at Urban Corps. I am now in the Iron Workers Apprenticeship program with Local 229. "

-Jesus Touchet

"I was 24 years old father of two kids and I was having a hard time finding and keeping a job because I did not have my high school diploma. I found Urban Corps when I was homeless and living in my car. In the summer of 2018, I was able to be a part of the MC3 training program and received training and certifications. I was also able to participate in a two week Iron Workers Bootcamp. At graduation, I received an offer to work for Pacific Steel Ironworkers and is I am now an Apprentice Ironworker with a full benefit package for me and his children, and I have my own apartment. I never know all of this was available to me"

-Esteban Huerta



### In Loving Memory of Diane A. Chalmers

December 12,1942 - April 04, 2018

After a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer, Diane Annala Chalmers, our beloved School Board President passed away on April 4, 2018. Our charter was granted in 2011 and Diane had served on the board and held the position of

board president since day one. Diane was a passionate leader of our school and did not let her battle with cancer stop her from her duties. She presided over the March 16, 2018 school board meeting just weeks before her passing. Diane will always be remembered for her amazing eloquence, grace and courage.

Diane Chalmers received her undergraduate education at Denison University, a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration from Indiana University, and post-graduate certification in Arts Administration from Harvard University. In her professional career she has held a variety of positions in higher education, arts management, non-profit management and government. These include serving as Director of University Events at 2000, as Chief of Staff for a San Diego Councilmember, Executive Director of the San Diego Performing Arts Foundation and as Director of Development for the College of Professional Studies at SDSU. Most recently she has served as Development Director for the Louisville Orchestra and as Executive Director of the Louisville Ronald McDonald House. While in Louisville, Diane also taught Non-Profit Management at Bellarmine University. In the course of filling these positions she has traveled extensively, including the former Soviet Union to select arts groups for the San Diego Russian Arts Festival, and several trips to China as a planner for an International Conference on Rehabilitation of the Handicapped. In 2004 Diane returned to San Diego after an absence of a few years and lives in La Jolla with her husband, Joseph Chalmers. Dr. Chalmers is a Visiting Scholar at UCSD and San Diego State University and retired Chairman of the Department of Physics at the University of Louisville. Diane is currently retired but remains involved as a member of the Board of Directors of the San Diego chapter of the ARCS Foundation serving as

Vice President of Fund Development. She also serves on the Advisory Council of the ATHENA project at UCSD Moores Cancer Center, and Chairs the Concert Committee at La Jolla Presbyterian Church in addition to serving as Board Member of the Urban Corps of San Diego County.



