

## Fact Sheet

### Background

In spring of 2008, a group of women began to meet to discuss ways that they could make a difference in the community for women and girls through their joint philanthropy. A series of breakfast and social meetings were held between June and September to share the concept of a women's fund. In October *Hand to Hand* was established as a charitable fund at Coastal Community Foundation.

### Founding Members

By 2009, nineteen women joined as founding members of *Hand to Hand*. The women range in age from mid-twenties to seventies and represent diverse professions in San Diego County. During 2009 the *Hand to Hand* fund's assets grew to \$18,100. Each member donated \$500 and a generous donor provided matching funds of \$8,600 for women who joined by June, 2009. The Founders established the mission, guidelines and grantmaking focus areas for the fund.

### Vision Statement

*To promote economic self-sufficiency and positive change in the lives of women and girls.*

### Mission

*Hand to Hand makes an impact in the lives of women and girls in San Diego County by directing resources to programs that empower change and self-sufficiency.*

*Hand to Hand* fulfills our mission by funding:

- ◆ Education and job training
- ◆ Women re-entering the work force
- ◆ Mentoring programs for girls
- ◆ Micro-finance projects

### Grantmaking

*Hand to Hand* provides funding to nonprofit organizations that serve women and girls in San Diego County. The funding focus areas for 2009 were women re-entering the work force and mentoring programs for girls.

### Founders:

Lynne Calkins  
June Collins  
Katrina Dodson  
Marion Dodson  
Kathleen Dowling  
Laura Fleming  
Alice Jacobson  
Betsy Jacobson  
Holly Smith Jones  
K.J. Koljonen  
Linda Kitchens  
Joni Miringoff  
Patricia Moore  
Dianne Ratzel  
Sue Reynolds  
Joyce Ross  
Linda Schooler  
Robyn Bailis Sirota  
Sue Steele

In fall 2009, grants totaling \$15,540 were awarded to the following organizations:

1. **Community Resource Center** for Life Skills training for domestic abuse survivors
2. **Girls on the Run** for development of a North County program / site
3. **From the Inside Out** for the Girls Only mentoring program
4. **Shakti Rising** for the Transformational Recovery Program for women

### **2010 GrantWriting Workshop and Grant Information Meeting**

*Hand to Hand* members in conjunction with the Encinitas Library will host a grantwriting workshop for organizations on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Encinitas Library Community Room.

A grantmaking information session will be held after the workshop (4:30-5:30 p.m.). *Hand to Hand* members will review the 2010 grant guidelines and be available to answer questions.

### **Our Goals**

The goal of this fund is to engage women to take an active and powerful role in philanthropy to help other women. *Hand to Hand* allows women to make a difference in the lives of women and girls in San Diego County without requiring a significant time commitment.

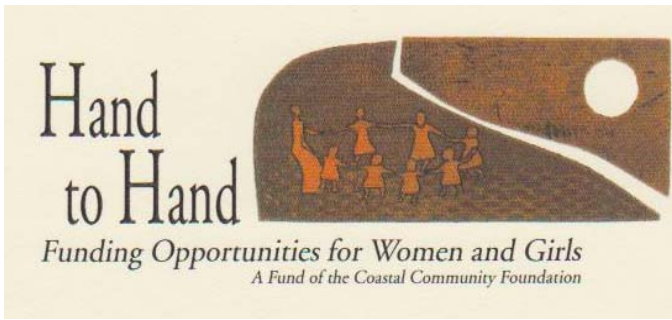
During 2010, the Founders invite more women to participate by investing \$500 or more to become a voting member. All members are invited to the annual planning meeting. As a member, you will help select the grant recipients for 2010 and attend the grant award ceremony. Additionally, you may choose to participate on various committees.

Another option for interested individuals may be to participate as a "Friend" of *Hand to Hand*. A donation at any level is welcomed and will provide additional funding for grants during 2010. As a "Friend" of *Hand to Hand*, you will not be responsible for voting for grant awards but you will be invited to the grant award ceremony to learn how your gift is making a meaningful difference for women and girls in the County.

### **How to Join *Hand to Hand***

You can participate in 2010 by completing the attached form.

For additional information contact Sharon Omahen, Executive Director at Coastal Community Foundation (760)942-9245 or by email at [Sharon@coastalfoundation.org](mailto:Sharon@coastalfoundation.org).



\_\_\_\_\_ **YES! I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN AS A MEMBER OF HAND TO HAND**

My check is enclosed for \$ 500.00 or more payable to Coastal Community Foundation.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE AS A FRIEND OF HAND TO HAND**

My check is enclosed for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to Coastal Community Foundation

*Please write Hand to Hand in the memo section.*

**First Name**

**Last Name**

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**Name as you wish it to appear in recognition**

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**Company Name (optional)**

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**Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip Code**

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**Phone**

**Cell Phone**

**E-mail**

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Mail this form and your check to:

Hand to Hand

Coastal Community Foundation

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