

Couple's Kindness Gives Foster Kids Help During Difficult Days



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Promises2Kids received a \$250,000 gift from **David Dunn**, managing partner of **Idanta Partners** located in Carmel Valley, and his wife, **Marilyn**, to provide gift cards for foster teens. The gift went to sup-

port the Give From Your Heart Holiday Gift Drive for abused and neglected children and youth in foster care throughout San Diego County. The Dunns' gift will be used to enable foster teens to purchase items needed throughout the year. Other supporters include **Wendy's**, **California Coast Credit Union**, **Boyer Moving & Storage** and **Kilroy Realty** ... **Prudential California Realty, La Jolla**, recognized **Marti and Maxine Gellens** for outstanding sales performance and their top ranking

through the third quarter of 2010 among their **Prudential California** colleagues. They ranked No. 1 in sales in the La Jolla office and No. 2 in San Diego County for Prudential California Realty ... **Pardee Homes** continued a seven-year tradition of skipping corporate holiday parties and instead supporting those who are in need of help. The Holiday Giving benefited the temporarily homeless, physically or mentally challenged children, families in need, senior citizens and others identified by



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Prudential California Realty, La Jolla, is recognizing **Maxine Gellens**, left, and **Marti Gellens** for their outstanding sales performance.

each of Pardee's regional offices ... **BeneTrac**, a **Paychex** company, received a Gold Award for Best eBusiness Site in the Business/Process Improvement Application or Products category from the 2010 eHealthcare Leadership Awards. BeneTrac was recognized at a presentation in Las Vegas during the 14th Annual Healthcare Internet Conference ... The **World Trade Center San Diego** presented its 2011 International Business Leadership Awards on Jan.

11. Companies were recognized for growing their international businesses and for the creative ways institutions and organizations are supporting the growth. Companies were recognized in four categories: **Importer of the Year**, **Exporter of the Year**, **Service Provider of the Year** and **Essence of World Trade**. Those recognized were: **Nationwide Promotions**; **Orthodontic Design and Production**; **Validation Technologies**; and **World TransServices** ... The **San Diego Chapter of Association of Interior Designers** presented the Ethel M. Siegelman Memorial Award to **Sandra Wagenaar**. Wagenaar was recognized for her many leadership roles with ASID during the past 25 years including serving as president in 2005. **Petra Rupp** was presented the Deborah L. Thomas Memorial Award for Outstanding Student Leader, and the Don Marrell Industry Partner of the Year Award for Outstanding Service went to **Donald Miller** ... The **San Diego Advertising Fund for Emergencies** donated \$33,500 in grants in 2010. The funds go to local advertising and marketing professionals and their families facing a crisis or emergency. **Scotty Morache**,

SAFE board president, said "grants have been used for medical debts and medicine for individuals dealing with life-threatening diseases, as well as for food, gasoline and rent during employment interruption" ... San Diego-based tech leader **Cymer** has partnered with the **Mission Valley YMCA** to provide local youth with access to state-of-the-art technology. Part of the **Intel Computer Clubhouse Network**, the **Cymer Computer Clubhouse** will serve as an after-school outlet where youth can develop skills in a learning environment outfitted with 16 computers. "With the new center, local youth will have the essential tools needed to learn, grow and thrive in a future career path," said **Ed Brown**, president and chief operating officer for Cymer ... Students from **Pacific Ridge School** sponsored "Penny Wars" during the month of December to raise funds to support **Feeding America San Diego**. More than 17,060 coins, weighing 114 pounds amounted to more than \$1,000, which was presented to FASD on Dec. 17.

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