#### 2020

#### **ECONOMY**

Denise Cuellar Carla Leal
Ryab Ertle Nick Zundel

#### The Future Starts Here

The group did a survey, with the intent of convincing employers to have an office in East County, in order to ease the commute. Since they determined that there actually is not much space available, consideration focused on using the unused space at the chamber to bring in some extra money. They developed a brochure to educate the public about the chamber office availability.

#### **EDUCATION**

Joe BrittonCarol Pebley-RickeyJoe McIntoshMelisa PerezJocelyn Pacheo-FonsecaRick Wilson

# **Bridges to Success**

Businesses and nonprofits were surveyed to determine what resources are needed by foster youth who are aging out of the system. A symposium was planned, but with covid 19, it became a two-hour virtual program (co-sponsored by Grossmont College) of resources for education, housing, nutrition and employment. One hundred forty-eight attendees participated between Zoom and Facebook Live.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Tori Floyd Robyn Ross Ammar Khaleel Josh Simmons Ellete Nash

#### What's Next for At Risk Youth

Junior and senior high school youth who have no resources and skills available were the focus of this project. They are assisting youth who need self-sufficiency, by collecting videos from educators and employers about what training is needed to fulfill various jobs. Information includes dressing for an interview, filling out forms, and applying for a job.

# **JUSTICE**

Harold Brown Dava Pealer
Bryan Hadue Ryan Purdy
Monique Myers

## **Self Help Legal Corner**

As a homeless person is retrained to reenter the work force, there may be legal problems which have not been resolved, such as restraining orders, tickets, etc. This group worked with the East County Transitional Living Center to plan a place where legal forms can be available, and assistance available.

2019

#### **ECONOMY**

Brent Baum Jon Owens
Lindsey Johnson Danielle Steinhorst

#### It Can Be Done Here

The goal of this project is to brand East County as one community. The group is making several videos that can be shared with anyone to keep and attract people to East County. The messages include: affordable housing, diversity, opportunities and entertainment.

#### **EDUCATION**

Karen Fleck
Kim Lober
Blake Lundy

Kelli Studebaker
Jay Wojnowski

# Refurbishing the Outdoor Classroom at Chet. F. Harriett Steam Academy

The group worked with the school, neighbors, agencies, businesses, knowledgeable friends, and Cuyamaca College to begin work on revitalizing a neglected outdoor classroom. This very ambitious project (which had everyone's support) has cleared the area and gotten landscaping plans for seven future gardens to be completed on an ongoing basis by the school and parents.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Julie Alon Joe Perucca
Kaylyn Gonzales Randall Sanner

## **Project ECTLC Makeover and Essentials Drive**

The East County Transitional Living Center was the focus for this group. They collected donations for essential items such as toothpaste, toitlet paper, socks, etc. In addition, they worked with the staff of the ECTLC, and completely renovated a residential room, using donations and purchased equipment and supplies.

#### JUSTICE

Tami Ashland Chris Case
Carl Bell Ryane Hughes Gehman

#### **Discovering Your Possible Self**

The goal of this group is to bridge the Cajon Valley Unified School District World of Work curriculum with a local population of disadvantage youth to provide hope and opportunity for the future. They created a workshop at the ECTLC, through which the youth can explore self-awareness, self-aassessment and career exploration.

#### 2018

#### **ECONOMY**

Mary Bones Cassandra Noza
Susan Davis Tommy Pearce
Laura Koval Kyle Taylor

#### **East County Strategic Summit**

This group worked to support business growth in East County, by planning an economic summit. They hope to have 150 attendees at this half day meeting in August 2018. Noted business leaders will present the latest projections and trends which affect the region, our communities and our businesses.

#### **EDUCATION**

Jesslyn Ponce-Dick Melinda Lara
Bent Koch Katrina Lauifi
Anne Krueger Phil Ortiz

# **East County Workforce Training Needs Survey**

The Corporate Education program at the Grossmont Cuyamaca Community College District trains employees in skills, practices and procedures which do not fit into the normal college semester credit courses. These six individuals did a survey of chamber members and other businesses to learn what classes are needed.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Yahaira Ibanez Maral Poochigian
Tonya Lehman RosaLinda Ramirez
Todd Nelson Mike Stowers

## **Group Room Extreme Makeover**

High school students today have many challenges, such as sexting, bullying and substance abuse. Helix High Charter School has 2 social workers and a small basic group room, in which to meet with these students. The group completely redecorated the room to make it more comfortable and inviting.

#### JUSTICE

Evan Finch Erica Salcuni
Joe Hudelson Amber Tannehil
Danell Lyons Gina Walsh

#### Career Opportunities for Youth in Juvenile Detention Facilities

The goal of this group is to expose youth to job opportunities at the East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility. They will plan a career fair and help with programs to train them in Culinary, Automotive and Construction skills.

2017

#### **ECONOMY**

Mary Case Chris Wiley Cameron Stewart Chris Wilson

Nhu Tran

#### Fork 'n Free Fun

The purpose of this project is to help drive economic development by promoting East County businesses. The group made five videos about activity destinations in East County, including an area restaurant to complete the day. These will be posted on the internet and on the Chamber tourism site.

#### **EDUCATION**

Brian Hayward Troy Rogers
Ute Maschke LeAnne Smith
Kevin Maxwell

## The Power of Conversation: Living in El Cajon 101

This project was to facilitate and record meaningful conversations between a person who has lived in East County a long time and one who has recently immigrated from a Middle Eastern country. Customs from their home countries and here can be very different. These conversations can make a tremendous difference in helping to build bridges between cultures. The videos can also be used to education others about these differences.

# **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Michelle Berens David Moran Ruth Gillis Vanessa Ruiz Kevin Mercer

# East County Chow Down for Charity

These five individuals want to raise money to help selected charities, such as Stoney's Kids, East County Transitional Living Center, and Sons of Charity. They have partnered with five East County restaurants, who will donate a portion of their earnings during one week, the date which will be advertised by the group.

#### **JUSTICE**

Trevor Davis Mark Ostrowski
Brian Manns Erin Perschbacher
Tina Olivarez Rebekah Winfree

# **Connect EC**

The goal of this group was to plan something to help people within our community: making it easier for the homeless to access services. There will be a centralized location for resources such as jobs, housing, access to food, medical services, etc. The homeless will be given a plastic wristband with a phone number to text and/or an online address for *Connectec.org*.

#### 2016

#### **ECONOMY**

Frank Carson Daryn Drum Tobi Gary Julie Rausch Pamela Starmack

## 101 Family Fun

These five individuals decided to promote activities for families and tourists in East County. They are developing a creative brochure, highlighting different activities, tours, and related businesses. They also are working on marketing ideas for the information from all East County communities.

#### **EDUCATION**

Taylor Dupont Lisa Iagmin Gladys Nixon Bryan Shull

## Work Force, Strike Force

The group's mission was to prepare students for the marketplace. They focused on the social skills necessary for interaction with others: employers, co-workers, and clients. The plan is to create a networking event, which is fun and creative, where students can engage with professionals to learn the critical aspects of interpersonal skills.

# **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Lia Garcia Kim Holt Sara Phillips Steve Swaney Jim Timlin

#### Twenty-nine, Eleven - Save One Life, Transform Another

Women, ages 20 to 24, have the most unwanted pregnancies. Twenty-nine: Eleven is the name of the concept of a maternity home (to be run by a church) in Lemon Grove. The group organized a "clean-up" day to clean the house and yard, getting it ready for remodeling, which will commence after the church's and the group's future fundraising efforts.

2015

**ECONOMY** 

Najwa Nasif Samantha Scheurn Samantha Scheurn Steve Lachman

# **Christmas in the Valley**

These four people partnered with the Downtown Partnership in El Cajon to plan and assist with the project. They plan to tie it to an event, such as a concert, dinner, or other holiday activity.

## **EDUCATION**

Aileen Gratton Patrick Gomes
Cindy Ann Morrin Rachel Ramsey

# **Support East County Education Alliance and Career Technical Education**

The group is partnering with the Cuyamaca College to provide students at Chaparral High School a course to expand their career decision-making. The students will do research to learn about various career pathways that may be available to them.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Hedy Levine Neil Fullerton
Jane Ambon Rosa Alcaraz

## Heaven's Windows Food & Donation Marketing

The group is assisting the non-profit, Heaven's Windows, which provides food and relief for low income people. They will establish a new website, design a new logo, and develop a new marketing plan to enhance donations for a new Box Truck.

## **JUSTICE**

Eric Wray Sebastian Turcu Katrina VanderWoude

# Partner with SDICCCA Restorative Justice Taskforce

The task force is looking at how the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District might in some way serve incarcerated individuals who keep coming back to prison. This will be done by building a pool of volunteers to help with education in the prisons, and improving the education so new career pathways are open to them.

2014

**ECONOMY** 

Todd Feneis Sally Steele
Jessie Hogue Cheri Winters

Sue Rearic

# **Discover the Heart of East County**

A progressive dinner is planned in the various cities of East County, to introduce people to East County and to benefit new businesses in San Diego East County. It will be held October 19, from 5 - 9 pm, raising money to benefit one new business. The goal is to raise \$10,000 and have a lot of fun.

#### **EDUCATION**

Kellye Buchanan Nick Sprecco Melinda Neill John Valencia Travis Otteson

# **Youth Leadership Conference**

This group focused on high school students who lack motivation and purpose in school. With 120 surveys returned from students, it was determined that the students wanted leadership skills, career advice, and motivation. A free day-long Leadership outreach workshop is planned for February at Grossmont College.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Nathan Craig Sandra Rocco-Melville
Terry Durbin Richard Spiering
Terry Masango Jim Woodhead

# One for Good – Salvation Army's New Kitchen, One Square Foot at a Time

These individuals are working with the Salvation Army to fundraise for a new kitchen, which will be part of a new building in the city of El Cajon. The Salvation Army is currently operating past its capacity, especially the kitchen and food bank. They will "sell one square foot" of the new building to raise the funds.

## JUSTICE

David Cuevas Julie Hendricks Maike Doyle Crys Thornton

## Leveraging the Power of Community

This group balanced the needs of people (the homeless, teenage moms, veterans, mentally ill, and Middle Eastern immigrants) with the available resources in East County. They plan to be a community liaison with the nationwide 211 program, adding potential non-profits, and to market the program at community events.

#### **ECONOMY**

Daniel Espinoza Molly Nocon Meredith Munger Viola Roth

#### **Outdoor Acoustic Music Festival**

Combining an interest in music and developmentally disabled adults, this group is planning a hosted fundraising music festival in El Cajon in May of 2014, to support St. Madeleine Sophie's Center and Noah Homes. The website is www.pluggedineastcounty.

# **EDUCATION**

Erin Roberts-Hall Brenda Russell Eric Thornton Dana Winchok Bobby Yates

# **Aqua Farm Inception**

These five individual organized a curriculum (for select elementary school classes in Santee) on raising an organic aqua farm. This curriculum will be introduced in the fall semester to teach children the importance of organic foods, how to grow your own, and the mentoring of students with developmental disabilities.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Jeff Davies Teri Favro Anthony Kolombatovic Jennifer Shaw Bonnie Stone-Davis

# **Grow Healthy Foods Program**

This group wanted to give children healthy options by learning to grow their own food, getting exercise and preparing their own food. They worked with the Cajon Valley schools to build raised gardens at 3 middle schools, with 3 more planned in the fall of 2013 (and more later). They also developed a resource guide for teachers.

# **JUSTICE**

Humbert Cabrera Kristine Costa Jackie Sangsanoy-Heng Deanna Watson

## **Las Colinas Family Visitation Room**

The vision of this group was to create a warm and inviting visitation room at the new Las Colinas prison. After receiving space for two additional rooms, plus a children's playroom, they worked with the many strict legal requirements to develop the designs for unique spaces for the prisoners' visits with their children.

#### **ECONOMY**

Anne Ebert Guy Gonzales Colleen McDade Rob Ransweiler Mike Stowers

#### Run EC

This group is planning the inaugural half marathon, Run EC, on March 17, 2013, to raise money to help support various non-profits who help individuals with some kind of disability. The race will run from Hooley's in Rancho San Diego to Hooley's in La Mesa, hopefully bring runners into East County who had not been there before.

#### **EDUCATION**

Sara Glasgow Phyllis Long Wendy Morris Warren Ruis

## **Chamber Centennial Mural Project**

The cultures of four populations (Native American, Spanish & Mexican, European, Middle Eastern), represented by textile art, will be painted on a mural in El Cajon for the Centennial Year. Volunteer children from the various cultures from an after school program will help paint this mural for the November celebration.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Sean Oliver Alex Rohrke
Julie Palos Jim Staron

# Out of the Gutter Bowling Tournament to Benefit the Women's Program at the East County Transitional Living Center

The ECTLC's purpose is to assist the homeless in transitioning back into the community. The ECTLC has four major programs: discipleship training, family restoration, emergency voucher and the transitional living. This group is sponsoring a bowling tournament on August 4th to raise awareness of the ECTLC program.

## JUSTICE

David Brittian Tim Roberts

Danessa Hastings Snowball San Nicolas

Stephanie Mackey

## Transition Assistance Program for Women Released from Las Colinas Detention Center

These 5 individuals were challenged by the lack of assistance for women who are released from Las Colinas. The plan is to have a facility within the new expansions, where the women can receive support and education by volunteers for transitioning back to the outer community.

2011

**ECONOMY** 

Darrell Clegg Pamela Ross Karan Osborne Vicky Smith Pamela Roos

Graffiti: What is the Cost and Effects on the Economy - How Mural Arts Benefit

The group investigated negative graffiti, tagging, the costs and the impact of mural art. They discussed the positive impact on the economy in areas where there are painted murals. The group is going to also paint a mural at the end of Cat Alley walkway, plus work on getting other murals done in El Cajon.

#### **EDUCATION**

Ron Cook Sam Mejia
Molly Dana Bill Weaver

Garry Davis

# **Community College Leadership Academy**

These five individuals partnered with Cuyamaca College to help market a recently developed Community College Leadership Academy (CCLA) for community college students. They are marketing to local businesses to help with continuing financial support of this program, which is unique to community colleges in this area.

#### HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES

Linda Hoffman Kerry Kilber
Lisa Irvine Leah McIvor

Robin Johnson

# An Adaptive Volleyball Program

An adaptive volleyball program was developed for use at Next Level Volleyball Club in East County, for special needs children. The program would be held in a safe environment and would fill a need for a noncompetitive and inclusive game for these children.

#### JUSTICE

Steve Devan Jim Redman
Mike Dudas Christa Spillane
Kristie Powell Beverly Sturk

#### "Faces of the Street"

The group developed a video on the homeless, Faces of the Street, whose purpose is to be shown to teens and young adults in the Grossmont Union High School District schools. It includes a teaching guide. The purpose of the video is to keep young people from becoming homeless.

2010

#### **ECONOMY**

Sherral Bears Kevin Miller
Elana Levens-Craig Linda Shipman
Jesse Lipscomb

## Creating Entrepreneurship Partnerships between High Schools and the Business Community

The group worked with high school students who are in a Virtual Entrepreneurship class, which runs a simulated business. They created an ongoing mentor relationship between the classes at El Cajon Valley High and Mt Miguel, and the Business Education committee of the Chamber, providing field trips and speakers from various occupations.

#### **EDUCATION**

Richard Reyes Kelly Prasser Laura Purdom Dana Sass

# **Promoting Youth Leadership in East County**

This leadership development opportunity targeted seniors in the Grossmont High School District who had overcome adversity. The seniors (22 applied) were required to submit an essay or program, which would add value or make a physical improvement to their school. Five \$1000 scholarships were given to the seniors with the top five ideas, and the school of the student with the "winning" idea received \$5000 for their project. An "extra" project was also given the amount of \$2500.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Martin Breceda Peter Leo
Dharlene Marie Fahl Debra Palmer

## Community Need: Teaching English as a Second Language

These four individuals made a DVD about the need for courses in English (and tutors for the courses) for individuals who speak Arabic, Chaldean and Spanish in East County. Many of these new immigrants are not able to access social services, education or everyday services since they do not know the English language. The DVD was developed as a marketing tool to obtain volunteer tutors for the available and increasing number of classes.

## JUSTICE

Karen Cook Emily Roberts
Tim Henton Mario Sanchez
Jeanette Perez Scott Tuchman

#### **Communities Against Substance Abuse**

CASA was in need of a missing piece to their program – a video to show to middle school children to help keep them from becoming involved with drugs and substance abuse. This group researched the types of drugs used, and interviewed individuals who: had not used drugs, who had and quit, and whose lives have been ruined because of its use. This is being used to hopefully help kids make good choices

#### **ECONOMY**

Evonne Darby Jackie Murphy Peggy Gaul Darlene Spoor Rick Sitta

#### Vial of Life - Do You Have One?

The group's goal was to raise \$25,000 to enhance the distribution process of Vial of Life (which began last year) with 16,000 additional packets. They do have a commitment for that amount in next year's business cycle, which begins in July. Plans were developed for another Leadership group to sponsor a fund raiser event next year.

#### **EDUCATION**

Maureen Carasiti Diane McGowan Christy Hewitt Pete Morone Michelle Johnson Fran Waller

# Formalization of Leadership East County Alumni Organization

A conceptual business plan for the existing Leadership East County alumni was presented. The group developed by-laws, as well as action items and a new branding of the program. A web-site is also being designed.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Melissa Ayers Peg Buffo Ann Durham Holly Reed-Falk Aaron Unseth

# Got Food?

The group developed a "Need Food?" card, which lists food resources for needy families in El Cajon. They also distributed information about "Golden Share," which has no income restrictions. The group will distribute 1000 copies of the cards and newsletters to key organizations/agencies in El Cajon.

#### **JUSTICE**

Frank Boss Karla Bryan Jeff Ginsburg Cyndee Hanna Timothy Ross

# Spreading Art, A Graffiti Abatement Program

These five people decided to paint a mural on a wall, chosen by the El Cajon Police Dept., which is often used for graffiti (any unauthorized design). Taggers seldom touch such walls – the result is a beautiful wall of flowers, designed by a professional mural artist, and painted by the group and youngsters from the East County Boys & Girls Club.

2008

#### **EDUCATION**

Mike Anderson David Johnston
Amanda Bond Bonnie LaChappa
Kathleen Coates Hedberg Rich Stevenson

#### Mt Helix Nature Theater & Park

Mt. Helix Foundation has run the Mt Helix Nature Theater & Park since 1999; it has no public funding. This group completed a survey about park knowledge and usage, and determined that promotion of the park was needed. They are doing some of the marketing for an August 23<sup>rd</sup> event; The HeART of MT HELIX, and are also helping with future marketing of the park.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Kathryn Bell Carlos Lugo
Dee Dee Castro Erick Lundy
Mike Chasen Mark Monson
Scott Gordon

# Distributing the Vial of Life to East County Residents

The group is working on a program, which is already in place in East County in a limited fashion. They developed a promotional video and created a new look for the "Vial of Life," while working with local fire departments and Sharp Grossmont Hospital on plans for distribution of 10,000 "Vials of Life," and emergency ID cards. An application for funding will soon be complete; they then will help with the distribution.

2007

**ECONOMY** 

Brett Almquist

Dee Dean

Craig MacDonald

Lori Cartmill

Bill Kloor

Laurie Lipman

Craig MacDonald

Al Silva

# San Diego East County Hall of Champions

The play of this group is to recognize outstanding East County athletics by developing a Hall of Champions /museum. Fundraising, recognition, and ultimately scholarships will take place. It is hoped that the San Diego East County Hall of Champions will become one more attraction for East County visitors.

#### **EDUCATION**

David Keltner Kristy Rumsey
Henri Migala Marcia Van La

Henri Migala Marcia Van Landingham Daren Norton Anna Worthington

# **Fostering Independance**

When California foster children turn 18 they are "aged out" of the foster care program, and "in place" supportive services for them do not reach all. The group organized a one day event for East County foster children, ages 14 – 18 to help give them resources, career information and motivation to succeed in the community. Bommers was the site of this fun and life skills training day.

# **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Odie Goward Brooks Royal
Jane Moore Pat Sprecco
Tracy Ream Vicki Whitmire
Greg Robertson

# Run with the Goose

America has an epidemic of obese children, leading to diabetes and other health problems in adults. The group focused on one part of the solution by sponsoring a "Run with the Goose" run the morning of the November Mother Goose parade. Two hundred children will take part – the trophy winners will ride on a Run with the Goose float in the parade.

2006

#### **ECONOMY**

Roz Oserin DeAna Verbeke Mark Umphries Stacy Winkler

# El Cajon – The Right Place at the Right Time

This power point presentation, El Cajon – The Right Place at the Right Time, was developed as a marketing tool for the Community Development Corp. of El Cajon, to present to potential businesses and other groups who might resettle in El Cajon. The purpose is to help create an economically healthy and vibrant downtown.

#### **EDUCATION**

Daniel Espinoza Jennifer Lewis
Bruce Hartman Roxy Walnum

# **Smart Steps**

Childhood obesity is a "national epidemic," because of lack of exercise and poor eating habits. "Smart Steps" is a 12-24 week program in which East County elementary school children strive to accumulate walk/run/roll mileage totals while performing good citizenship deeds. Components include: development of walking paths at the schools, a website for the projects (to track competition points), student intern support from community colleges, and incentives and awards.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Maria Blair Merri Robison Sharon Bullard John Smith Steve Paul

**Operation: Little House** 

The goal of this project is to help open the doors of Little House (being remodeled) by maximizing fundraising and increasing community knowledge about the unique mission of the El Cajon Collaborative. The goal is also to increase organizational identity; thereby increasing the number of families that the organization can effectively serve.

2005

**ECONOMY** 

Rich Alvernaz Don Dodson Mark Coit Dan Willis

Fran Molter Deck

#### **Putt Fore Pets Golf Tournament**

A partnership was formed with the El Cajon Animal Shelter to assist in bringing awareness to animal adoptions, and to raise money to help supply the shelter with necessary and vital equipment that cannot be covered in the normal budgeting process. The fundraising event "Putt Fore Pets" will take place on June 30, 2005.

#### **EDUCATION**

Joel Alpin Charlie Brown
Donna Barlett May Marsha Newman

#### Kids at Risk, Before You Choose

Focusing on middle school age at risk children, the group developed a CD addressing the problems of suicide, substance abuse, and unwanted pregnancy. The video contains interviews with those who have been in trouble and those who have been affected by family and friends in trouble. The CD is available as a resource for any agency, school, or group.

#### HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES

Cindy Harlan Rowena Keller Les Hart Alan Walsh Greg Johnson

# What You Do to Children, They Will Do to Society

The mission of this group was to increase attendance in the Cajon Valley School District with a public awareness campaign: "Go to School, Stay in School;" using banners, flyers, and bumper stickers. Another aspect of the project is to counsel families of children with poor attendance at Little House on the importance of good attendance. Stoney's Kids has helped with funding and the Cajon Valley School District has embraced this public information project.

#### **JUSTICE**

Jeff Adragna Michele Greenberg-McClung
Betsie Elwood Derrick Jenkins
Mark Fisher

# **Youth Culture Project**

The purpose of the project was to engage at-risk youth in the creation of public art works in East County: murals, sculpture, etc., thereby letting them see a project from the idea stage through to completion; thus raising their self esteem while also being with mentors, social workers and art students from the SDSU CHOICE program and the University of San Diego. The pilot project will be the fall of 2005.

2004

#### **ECONOMY**

Vivian Ash Kathie Lencioni Laurel Cruz Ed Zouhar

# East County Trolley Day - Celebration of Three Cities

The group, in conjunction with the cities of La Mesa, El Cajon and Santee; and the Metropolitan Transit Development Board; is planning a day long celebration in the summer of 2005, for the opening of the Mission Valley East Trolley extension. When the Green Line is complete, celebrations will be held at or near 6 trolley stops, including La Mesa Blvd. on the Orange Line. The other stops will be 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Grossmont Center, Marshall, Arnele, and Santee Trolley Center.

#### **EDUCATION**

Kurt Brauer Shannel Honore Tristan Hayman Darren Lynch Mike Scott

# **Future Leaders Of East County**

The project was to plan a 6-day program for high school students (future leaders), including leadership concepts, educational opportunities, the judicial system & public safety; community involvement, the business community, and resume/interview techniques. The purpose of the project is to develop and prepare today's youth to meet employment requirements and expectations.

#### **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Jillian Hanson-Cox Marilee Gorham Matt Nordquist

#### **Intergenerational Support for East County Way Stations**

The group developed a marketing plan to recruit senior volunteers to assist the County's "way stations" for foster children, an East County pilot project of the County's Health and Human Services Agency. "Way Stations" are temporary safe homes for children in their own community, keeping the children in their own schools and close to their friends. The seniors are needed to support the children at this critical period of time.

#### **JUSTICE**

Erich Foeckler Patrick Hoz
Candy Hallock Mary Wilson

# **Teen Court**

Beginning with an interactive role-play of teen court, the group presented a project to reestablish the Teen Court in East County. It would help those who have committed a first offence by the defendant learning consequences. The youth volunteers would learn due process. In addition, the community would benefit because only 10% of youth who are sentenced in Teen Court commit another crime.

2003

#### **ECONOMY**

Deanne Buller Hikmet Pauls
Leslie Emmanuel Judy Spaner-Stern
Pete Faubel Emilie Duggan-Zouhar

#### East County Sweetheart Walk/Ride/Run

The purpose of this activity was to bring families to the downtowns of La Mesa and El Cajon, thus helping the downtown businesses and increasing rider-ship on the Trolley. The participants would start in La Mesa (preceded by art displays, entertainment), proceed to the Grossmont Trolley Station, ride to the El Cajon Transportation Center, and walk to Prescott Mall where there would be prizes, food, music, resource booths and an art show.

#### **EDUCATION**

Rose Avila Teri Sprecco Shannon Dixon Mark Weston Gary Rapp

# Work Readiness Curriculum and Certificate of Employability

The project was to develop/administer a questionnaire about what qualities employers want in employees, then to develop a curriculum around the results. Students receive training (approx. 10-12 hours) on work preparation and retention. Those who meet the criteria receive a Certificate of Employability signed by the Chamber of Commerce and the Grossmont Union High School District. This is being piloted in at least five schools in the spring of 2004.

#### **HUMAN SERVICES**

Steve Carrizosa Joyce Marquis
Jerry Fazio Adrian van Ravesteyn
Matt Lyer Stanley Young

## Transportation for After School Programs at Boys and Girls Clubs

The project was designed to enhance the lives of youth living in East County. Before and after school programs were evaluated, based on the success of youth programs with/without transportation. A program was developed with the Cajon Valley School District. School buses would drop off children at the El Cajon Boys and Girls Clubs after school as one of the bus' regular stops, also benefiting children of low-income, underserved families.

#### JUSTICE

Raul Garcia Chris Sterling
Paula Guerra-Lynch Heather Summers
Teresa Johnson

# **Methemphetamine Awareness (Meth 101)**

The group worked with the Methemphetamine Strike Force and the La Mesa Police Department on creating Methemphetamine Fact Cards. The cards were sent out via mailings to RMSS. They were mass-produced, sent to local community organizations for dissemination into the community. The goal was to raise awareness about Meth. The Strike Force has utilized the power point presentation in presentations.

2002

# **ECONOMY/MARKETING (TEAM 1)**

#### **Hotel Vision Quest**

Research, surveys and a video were completed to illustrate why East County needs a large full service conference hotel.

# **ECONOMY/MARKETING (TEAM 2)**

David Burk Steve Kirk Mona DeLaRiva Allen White

# **Highlight East County**

The project was to develop a vido to highlight East County and its assets.

#### **EDUCATION**

Sarah Bullock Alice Howard
David Butler Karen Lanning
Nancy Dennison

## Problems in Education - Infrastructure in Peril

This report was based on the current crisis in the Grossmont Union High School District. The group presented a case in support of the November 2003 School Bond measure, with background information about the schools, their services and funding. Business people were invited to schools to see the schools' physical condition first hand. The action plan was to facilitate school tours, actively promote the bond issue, and do a letter campaign in favor of the bond.

# **LEADERSHIP (TEAM 1)**

Jim Brozo Sheri Sjoberg Guseman Terry Marks Arkan Somo

Stan Schroeder

## **East County SunRise Foundation**

The purpose of the project was to develop a foundation to address the needs of East County and improve quality of life for its residents. With the involvement of businesses, the foundation also was to promote opportunities for leadership positions and to implement 1% for a community fund.

# **LEADERSHIP (TEAM 2)**

Craig Barkacs Susan Roberts
Nancy Beecham Stuart Wells

# 2001

**Thomas Carr** Jim Cunningham Cassandra Evans Susan Ferrara Larry Green Chuck Hansen Robert Kosbie Rick Lopez Mike More Sandy Pugliese Joel Rund Bill Segui Rose Urdahl Chalyce Wendel Mike Wolfe Max Wright Lynn Young

## **ECONOMY**

# **New Signage for the East County Performing Arts Center**

The project was to improve the signage at the East County Performing Arts Center in El Cajon. The group investigated signage and had renderings of possible placements.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

# Kids and Fishing

The group proposed a day devoted to Kids and Fishing, located at the East County Regional Center. While the kids fished, parents could avail themselves of information devoted to raising children, plus other social welfare services available for families.

# **HEALTH**

# **Health Information for El Cajon Residents**

The group focused on how to disseminate health information to El Cajon residents.

Short term -having health agencies at the weekly Farmers' Market

Mid term -having health agencies involved at the San Diego East County Chamber's Super Health Saturday

Long term -building a permanent museum and library on health in El Cajon

#### 2000

#### **ECONOMY**

Dolores Buller Ginger Poutous
Fe Gifford Ron Reafs (ex-officio)
Linda Lilyquist Randy Williamson
John Mimmert

# El Cajon's International Bicycle Gran Prix 2001

The project is to hold a bike race in El Cajon for all categories: Juniors, Masters, and Colligiate. In addition, there is to be a Kids' Race and a Celebrity race.

#### **EDUCATION**

Max BaumgartnerMique KeeBecky BurgstinerTeri MorrisBob HeveronKaren Stauffer

## Charter Schools - Are You Informed?

The group prepared information about the concept, legislation and challenges of charter schools. A panel of educators and parents gave a presentation about charter schools.

#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Valerie Harrison David Smyle J'Adore (Joy) Williams

# Reducing the Risk of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

The project was the development of a brochure and flyer on Exercises For Hands And Wrists, plus Wise Ways to Use Hands and Eyes.

## **JUSTICE**

Steve Dietz

Pam Kime

Christopher Roberts

Ben Markantonio

Larry Urdahl

#### **Youth in Action Program**

The project was to determine ways to get the "Don't Drink and Drive" message through to youth, by:

Create youth/adult partnerships

Train young people in legislative advocacy skills

Focus on policies related to prevention

Youth taking the lead in forums

Empower youth to help with prevention programs

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#### **ECONOMY**

Ramona Bommer Michael Hall Brenda Lussier Reid Marquand

# **Brochure and Flyer to Promote East County**

The goal is to create a product to assist the economy of East County. East County residents and non East County residents were surveyed about their perceptions of East County. The fliers and brochure promote East County businesses and events.

#### **EDUCATION**

Shelly Bailey Kirk Gentry Vennessa O'Lear Ron Smithson

#### **Tech Center**

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Jennifer DuBois Rebecca Brennan (ex-officio) Don Ellison Alan Ferratelli

# **Building Self Reliance for East County Families**

This is a resource booklet consisting of: Community Services, Recreation, Budgeting and Value Shopping.

## **JUSTICE**

Donald Lee Fason Maureen Lamb Drum Macomber Rod Tuttle

#### A Collaboration of Law Enforcement and Social Service Agencies, Which Deal with Families

The mission of this project is to reorder services, giving support and resources to individuals, families, children and community members. A potential website will include: community policing services, court and probation services; prevention, intervention and recovery agencies; school districts, faith community, social service agencies and foundations.

#### **ECONOMY**

Mitchel Gershenfeld Jeff Provence Kristi Walker-Inzunza Peter White

Hal Lenox

# **Corporate Philanthropy in East County**

A project to develop a heightened level of consciousness in the business community about the mutual benefit of corporate involvement in Philanthropic endeavors; as well as raising public awareness of the contributions made by businesses oward a richer and fuller life. The project is to create a public gathering to accomplish this end.

#### **EDUCATION**

Cynthia Burton Pattie Hodson
Carlos CastreJon Bill McClung
Diana Gries

# Youth Leadership in the Community

An eight segment program for high school seniors, which will provide youth the opportunity to learn about and experience ownership in their community.

#### **HUMAN SERVICES**

Jill CobbNora KlemenzJulie DexheimerDelores NimsMarcie FindleyPam Wall-Strong

# Family Fun Run of 1999

This race is designed to "Celebrate the Family" during the week's celebration of Year of the Family.

# **JUSTICE**

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Barbara Kent Rebecca Wall
Don Kuhl Gary Wigdahl
John Owings Riley Wood II

# Speakers' Resource Guide

#### **ECONOMY**

Cynthia Abram Stu Scott
George Cretton Linda Troyan
Joe Garzanelli

# Why? An Economic Development Plan

A interactive plan should be designed to meet the needs of our community. The plan will assist in the promotion of economic growth and provide new opportunities for public-private partnerships, while entrusting civic leaders with the responsibility for shaping the city's economic and political viability for years to come.

#### **EDUCATION**

Jack Daniels

Viara Giraffe

Cris Lamb

Debra Turner Emerson

Tanaya Webb

## **HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES**

Thelma Archuletta Doug Paulson
Debbie Comstock Verna Griffin Tabor
Ed Jarrell

#### **Project Focus – Families of Complexes United in Service**

A procedure was developed for working with apartment complexes in El Cajon. This pilot project was a realistic program, which empowered tenants of troubled complexes with strategies and resources to improve their quality of life and provide owners with the incentive to invest in the improvement of their property, community and tenant welfare.

#### JUSTICE

Jay Beckman Dan Pavao Peter Hellwig Ken Rupert Roger Holtsclaw

# Recommendations to Enhance "Broken Window" Policy of El Cajon

Community awareness and involvement is necessary to let the community know about the policy. There is a direct relationship between the level of code enforcement in a city and its crime rate. Research illustrates that this policy works.

#### **ECONOMICS**

Dick Campbell Dan Moody
DeWayne Guyer Dan Parent
Martha Johnson Terry Paik
Kathy Koenig

# **Housing Improvement Panel**

This project is a community approach, establishing community partnerships, redirecting resources to create a safer community and healthier businesses. This is one solution to the economic impact of high density apartment units in El Cajon.

## **EDUCATION**

Charleen Carney

Turk Guild

Al Heath

Beverly Ireland

Kathleen Porter

Dave Williams

# **Survey of Selected Businesses**

# **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Ellie Durbin Tim Horning Dan Kehl Bobbie Pearson

# Welfare

The project is to develop a program about welfare, with the primary focus on youth and future leaders, to attempt to find a solution through education and involvement.

#### **ECONOMY**

Jon CloudJohn LindonLynn EndicottJohn TraylorTheron FisherCindie Wolf

Roger Gordon

# **Leadership East County Alumni Organization**

This Future Vision project was the Leadership Alumni Association. It came complete with bylaws, committee descriptions and other organizational ideas.

## **EDUCATION**

Allison Gardenswartz Cathy Hilton Nancy Wallis

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Lori Beliveau Linda Hill

Jean CarlsonKaren Kesser-GrossBill ChapinFrank MlyniecFranny GlasserKeri Willis

Rich Henry

# **Junior Leadership Academy**

Plan to form a leadership academy for the youth of El Cajon – to target senior high school students through the AVID program.

# **JUSTICE**

Allen Brown L. David Casey Fred Morrison Kindra Wiley

#### **ECONOMY/GOVERNMENT**

Marcia Gross Lois Knowlton Joe Stevens

# **East County Economic Summit**

The group planned an event at Valhalla High, with resource tables, break out sessions and a Mayors' panel from El Cajon, Santee, La Mesa and Lemon Grove

The event was very successful; then turned over to the East County Economic Development Council, which expanded the project.

## **EDUCATION**

Monzella Goodwin Linda Ollis Gerry Soloman David Steel

## **HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES**

Suzi Armstrong Patricia Leslie Paul Nager Bob Whitelaw

# JUSTICE/LEGAL

Nancy Amos Jim Davis Marlene Bunnell Lauri Riley Joe Stevens

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# **LEADERSHIP**

Robert Argyelan Newell Bowen Joybee Brennan G. Cole Davis Doug Deane Jan DeYoe Bob Durrant Dick Errett

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Ron Fields
Penny Martin-Solomon (Shidner)
Lee Mench
Olivia Puentes-Reyn
Deborah Setzer
Jack Voth
Dave Waters
Doug Westerkamp

#### **LEADERSHIP**

Randy Betts
Hat Boyle
Sue Christopher
Rebecca Collier
David Donahue
Ann Eidsmoe
Patricia Harders
Mary Ann Herschenbein

Dorothy Maranda Al Mozingo Greg Parker Clyde Prince Charles Salinas Jerry Turchin Kay Turman Lynn Voth

The 1992 group was the first class and Future Vision and was handled completely differently than in later years.

The topics were announced the morning of Future Vision and teams were designated, not self-selected. Each project team was told to engage in discussions all day on possible projects that could be undertaken. No research time or resources were available. As a result, frustration levels were high and the discussions, by and large, were not productive.

At the end, the day chair called for reports. Most groups instead critiqued the process and lobbied for a different format that would allow participants to select topics in advance, work on projects for several months and have teams report back on the final day. As a result, you will find no hard copy of any projects from that group.