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\$2,500 DuPont Pioneer Grant goes to Hand-Up Youth Food Pantry

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San Diego, CA – DuPont Pioneer has awarded a \$2,500 grant to Jewish Family Service of San Diego to benefit its Hand-Up Youth Food Pantry program. DuPont Pioneer is the world's leading developer and supplier of advanced plant genetics, providing high-quality seeds to farmers in more than 90 countries. As part of its mission, Pioneer makes contributions to community-based organizations on behalf of the business and employees. Consideration for community outreach grants are given to communities where Pioneer representatives, employees and customers live and work and that support quality-of-life initiatives to create an improved, sustainable lifestyle for people worldwide.

“Every day at DuPont Pioneer we are working hard to develop seed technologies that will meet the food, fuel and fiber demands of a rapidly growing global population,” said Levi Tipton, local Pioneer field agronomist. “We are proud to work with organizations, with their ‘boots on the ground,’ that are helping to meet food security issues all over the nation and world. We applaud the positive impact the Hand-Up Youth Food Pantry is having on the lives of citizens in this area.”

Shelly Hahne, Supervisor of the Hand Up Youth Food Pantry, stated, “*Hand Up* is working to create a hunger-free community by providing supplemental food to those facing hunger, training the future leaders and activists in the cause of reducing hunger, spearheading a Hunger Advocacy Network in San Diego, and mentoring other local food pantries.”

She added, “*Hand Up* has grown exponentially since the economic recession began in 2008. The project helps clients in crisis get back on their feet, helps avert future crises, and allows people to focus on their health, employment, or family issues that are creating hardship, rather than worrying about where their next meal will come from.”

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ABOUT THE HAND UP YOUTH FOOD PANTRY

Led by a committee of teenage volunteers, the *Hand Up* Youth Food Pantry focuses on helping people get back on their feet. Not only do we provide food to thousands of San Diego's hungry, but by including case managers at distribution sites we open the door to the array of vital services offered at Jewish Family Service. In the last fiscal year (June 30, 2011 – July 1, 2012), the *Hand Up* Youth Food Pantry distributed food equal to 268,238 meals to 9,371 families, including 1,258 military families. For additional information, visit the *Hand Up* Youth Food Pantry at www.jfssd.org/handup.

ABOUT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF SAN DIEGO

Jewish Family Service was founded in 1918 by a consortium of women's clubs who sought to address the myriad of human needs of the time. Today, JFS is a comprehensive human service organization with eleven locations throughout San Diego County and three in the Coachella Valley. From its early grassroots origins, the agency now serves more than 35,000 people annually. Its programs and services include: Adoption; Case Management; Counseling; Crisis Services; Family Violence; Jewish Connections; Refugee Resettlement; Older Adult/Senior Services; Parenting, Youth & School-based Services; and Training/Education. Learn more about why JFS is *One Source for a Lifetime of Help* at www.jfssd.org

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