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ANNUAL TOY DRIVE



Pacific Marine Credit Union presents a donation check of \$22,500 and carts full of toys for Rady Children's Hospital at the AJ's Kids Crane event.

PMCU provides record-breaking donation for Rady Children's Hospital

Pacific Marine Credit Union (PMCU) was once again a sponsor and supporter of AJ's Kids Crane, an event that directly benefits the children of Rady Children's Hospital. PMCU presented a \$22,500 check to AJ Machado, morning host at radio station Energy 103.7, to purchase toys for the children at the hospital. This check amount was both a new record for PMCU and broke records at AJ's Kids Crane as the largest monetary donation ever presented during the toy drive.

AJ's Kids Crane has become an annual event, in which AJ lives up on a crane in a parking lot above Mission Valley until he collects 100,000 toys or raises enough money to purchase the toys. The toys collected are given to the children throughout the year as a reward for bravery, an incentive to encourage them to take medicine, a plaything to enjoy with a visiting friend, and more.

As a sponsor of AJ's Kids Crane, PMCU members and the community dropped off new toys at the credit union's 11 branches throughout San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Supporters also purchased items that were displayed in the branches. PMCU employees, who did not

want to miss out on giving to this cause, held their own internal toy and fundraising efforts. Now in its eighth year sponsoring this event, PMCU has raised over \$90,000.

"As a credit union, we believe in the importance of giving back to the communities we serve," said Brad Smith, chief of staff. "AJ's Kids Crane is a way for us to support Rady Children's Hospital and assist in sustaining this vital community resource."

Since 1952, PMCU has been making a difference, helping people with their financial needs and giving back to local communities. PMCU is owned and governed by its members, operating not for profit, but for service. This allows the revenue generated by its services to be given back in the form of lower interest rates on loans, reduced fees, attractive earnings on savings and investments, and around-the-clock access to the latest electronic services.

PMCU is open to everyone who lives or works in San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. It is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration and is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information, visit pmcu.com.

MORTGAGE LENDER

iServe expands with Temecula branch

Continuing its plans to open new offices across America, iServe Residential Lending has announced the grand opening of its newest location in the Temecula valley, with an office at 43920 Margarita Road, Suite A in Temecula. The announcement was made by Ken Michael, co-CEO of the San Diego-based lender, and Allen Friedman, Western U.S. regional sales manager.

The mortgage team in Temecula is led by branch manager Greg Herman, a 30-year veteran of the residential mortgage industry. Herman is an experienced and award-winning mortgage loan officer with several President's Council recognitions under his belt. A former professional athlete, Greg brings his competitive spirit and drive to help the consumer enjoy an unparalleled experience throughout the lending process.

Senior loan officer Donald Krueger has been active in the mortgage industry for over 35 years. Krueger is known for exceptional customer service and a willingness to go above and beyond for every customer. He is a former U.S. Navy service member, with

vast experience in VA home-loan financing for active and retired military personnel.

Loan officer Jim Maloney served for over 30 years in the Marine Corps, retiring as a master gunnery sergeant after deployments to Iraq, Japan and the Philippines. Maloney specializes in VA financing, with a focus on helping current and former military families find the right mortgage to fit their needs and achieve the dream of homeownership.

"iServe Residential Lending in Temecula will continue the company's commitment to our veterans and the community," Herman said. "We're proud of the wide array of financing programs we can offer, and the reputation the company has fostered as quick loan closers. We will make a difference to the community in Temecula."

iServe Residential Lending offers lending programs for first time homebuyers, conventional, FHA and 100 percent financing through the USDA and VA programs.

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NOMINATIONS OF DESERVING FAMILIES

NAPA group's free 'Car for a Cause' auto giveaway goes to mom of three

Eighteen local NAPA Auto Care Centers have once again joined forces to give back to the community in their annual "Car for a Cause" free vehicle giveaway.

NAPA San Diego Auto Repair Care group accepted entries at each of the 18 locations nominating a deserving family or individual to win a free vehicle in order to make their life better.

This year, a panel of three women and three men reviewed 75 nomination forms and decided that the 2016 "Car for a Cause" would go to Kryisia Marquis, said John Hartman, NAPA San Diego district sales manager. Marquis is a mother of three daughters — one with special needs — who has fallen on hard times, he said. The family did not have a vehicle.

When he called her with the news that she won a free 2005 Saturn Relay minivan, "You could feel the excitement and anticipation over the phone," Hartman said.

Below are selections from several written nominations for Marquis and her family:

"Kryisia and her beautiful daughters have really gone through a devastating time these last few years. Kryisia continues to stand strong she has been the rock for her family. She and her children would benefit greatly from this vehicle. Her oldest ... has a disability which means many appointments. Taking public transits is extremely difficult ... If given this opportunity, I know that it would

be the blessing Kryisia needs. It would give her the sense of independence she deserves, to take the best care of those girls. Thank you for this wonderful program."

"Kryisia has not had a car since 2012. The children ... are greatly affected in a way that kids shouldn't have to be. ... Kryisia has a disability with nerve disorder that makes daily tasks take exertion beyond belief. Just having a vehicle would take daily stress out of outings.

Sometimes Kryisia is in too much pain she can't even walk to the bus and has missed doctor appointments including the neighborhood food bank. This would be a most awesome prize for Kryisia and her children."

"Kryisia tries her best to raise 3 girls while managing a severe case of fibromyalgia and arthritis. They're world is so small because of transportation. Since Kryisia's disability she has been unable to work and disability doesn't pay enough to afford an extra car payment. She takes the bus everywhere or borrows a car when she can but can't enroll the girls in sports or go to snow or beach or drive in. All these great things these girls deserve. Kryisia in spite of her disability overcame homelessness and does her very best."

For more information about the NAPA San Diego Auto Repair Care group, visit sandiegoutorepaircare.com.



After reviewing dozens of nominations, the panel chose Kryisia Marquis to win this year's free 2005 Saturn Relay minivan to help make her family's life easier.

DAYTRIPPER MOTOR COACH

Premium seats available at Rose Parade

There's still time to reserve your spot with DayTripper Tours to see the 128th annual Rose Parade in Pasadena, according to Amanda Matti, DayTripper marketing coordinator. The parade will be on Monday, Jan. 2, in keeping with its long-standing "never on Sunday" tradition — so there's time to catch the New Year's excitement beforehand.

The deluxe motor-coach excursion to Anaheim includes exclusive premium grandstand seating to view the colorful flower-decked animated floats, marching bands, equestrian units and celebrities parading down Colorado Boulevard. Parade seating is north-facing, with the sun at your back and not in your eyes, with unobstructed views.

All tours include luxury European motor coach



The 128th annual parade is on Monday, Jan. 2.

transportation, complimentary onboard snacks and beverages, and preassigned seating on the motor coach.

Daytripper Tours offers pickup locations throughout San Diego County. For

complete details, including prices and pickup locations, visit daytrippertours.com. For more information, stop by 624 El Cajon Blvd., El Cajon, call (619) 299-5777 or follow them at facebook.com/daytrippertours.

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Holiday Food Drive

Join The San Diego Union-Tribune and The Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank in fighting hunger and feeding hope this holiday season!

Here's how you can help!

Make a virtual food donation online at sandiegouniontribune.com/fooddrive

Drop items into the virtual bag and provide meals to those San Diegans in need.

The San Diego Union-Tribune For other ways you can help, visit sandiegofoodbank.org or call 858-527-1419

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