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**SAN DIEGO FUTURES FOUNDATION SELECTS
THREE NONPROFITS FOR EXTREME MAKEOVER**

-- "Extreme Technology Makeover" Winners Announced --

San Diego, CA – October 11, 2007 - The San Diego Futures Foundation (SDFF) a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, recently selected three nonprofits to receive free technology services as part of their "Extreme Technology Makeover" program sponsored by AT&T. With a \$20,000 grant, SDFF was able to offer technical services, computers, software, planning and consulting at no cost to the winners, which include:

- **Shakti Rising** - a leading-edge organization providing holistic, gender-specific and trauma-informed services to young women, ages 15–30, who are dealing with multiple issues including substance abuse, body-image issues, interpersonal violence, and depression. <http://www.shaktirising.org/>
- **Outdoor Outreach** - an organization committed to providing an opportunity for at-risk and underprivileged youth to gain confidence and self-esteem through participation in outdoor activities. <http://www.outdooroutreach.org/>
- **The San Diego Food Bank** - a critical component to the welfare of San Diego County, providing food to people in need, advocating for the hungry and educating the public about hunger-related issues. <http://www.sandiegofoodbank.org/>

Extreme Technology Makeover (cont.)

SDFF's objective was to provide "extreme" makeovers to organizations with critical technical issues, which ultimately impacted their ability to provide services. The winners had technology challenges that prevented them from doing their work, and needed better resources to serve their clients.

"Our goal was to work with nonprofits to improve their efficiency, enabling them to more effectively serve their clients," said Megan Graulich, Executive Director of San Diego Futures Foundation. "Though this program, many nonprofits will reap the immediate benefits of improved technology infrastructure and training, but the ultimate benefactors will be the individuals who rely on these organizations for support."

"Being selected as a winner of the Tech Makeover program was a dream come true," said Shannon Thompson, Founder/Executive Director of Shakti Rising. "Technology changes so rapidly that it's often hard to understand and harder to implement. With limited staff and resources, technology became a liability within our organization. The makeover that SDFF's Tech Team is doing will allow us to expand our services and change the lives of young women in need."

San Diego's premier provider of technology to the nonprofit community, the San Diego Futures Foundation mission is to change lives in San Diego County by making information technology available to underserved individuals, organizations and disadvantaged small businesses through training, education, technical services and equipment. To that end, SDFF has donated more than 14,000 computers and 17,000 hours of technical support to San Diego nonprofits, community-based organizations, schools and foster families.

For more information about the Extreme Technology Makeover Program, log onto www.sdfutures.org.

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