



***Inspiring the community to  
connect with and care for our  
coastal environment***

# LOVE FOR LIVING COAST

*Thank You*



Thank you for showing your Love for Living Coast during our 14-month closure due to the global pandemic. Your support helped to "sea-cure" our future raising over \$700,000, far exceeding our \$500,000 goal, to fill a critical funding gap.



Special thanks to The JEM Project, J.W. Sefton Foundation, Nelson Foundation, and the City of Chula Vista.

Thank you to the Living Coast staff who worked tremendously hard to maintain a safe work environment, care for the wildlife, and conduct virtual programs.







Thank you for your support of  
Farm to Bay @ Home,  
our virtual fundraiser.

With your generous contributions,  
\$108,000 was raised through  
sponsorships, auction proceeds, and  
raise the virtual paddle donations.



Special thanks to KSDY50  
and Seven Mile Casino.







# ACCESSIBILITY



We transitioned programs and animal encounters to virtual platforms allowing students and families to enjoy our educational programs safely at home.







# WILDLIFE CAMPS



"Your program is not only educational but fun. The boys want to go back as a family and show my husband and I all they did. Thank you so much for this opportunity. We truly appreciate all you did for our boys."

"Our staff was super excited to be able to offer summer camp in person. Our staff had such a great time working with students and reconnecting our community with nature! They can't wait to continue working with students and campers all year long! They worked really hard to bring this program back to in person and it shows! Great job team!"

-Ashley Barron  
Education Manager





# PASSION



Sapphire underwent “wetsuit therapy” to treat her buoyancy imbalance. Friends at O’Neill Wetsuits donated a sheet of Neoprene which was used to mock up a sea-turtle sized wetsuit fit with Velcro and zip-tie pockets.

After a fitting session, the template was sent back to O’Neill and a final design was sent over, custom fit for a gem.





# THANK YOU TO OUR COMMITTED STAFF



Thank you to volunteer Valerie for sharing her skills in the Aquarium Department.



"Whether trudging through the marsh to replace rail rafts or suiting up for an emergency procedure in a pool, Taryn and Kaitlyn see every new challenge as an adventure to learn from.

Throughout 2020 they demonstrated an unwavering enthusiasm to improve the life of every living creature that calls our center home."

– Aiyana Reissman,  
Animal Care Manager





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"The facilities team (custodial and horticulture) has worked tremendously hard to maintain a safe work environment so that our onsite staff have been able to work to care for our animals and conduct education programming via virtual or in person platforms. Big shout out to Paul Hormick, Horticulturalist, for keeping the grounds tidy and presentable especially during our closure to the public."

- Katharine Mathews, Facilities Manager



# SUSTAINABILITY



Participated with conservation partners on the Ridgway's Rail Propagation & Reintroduction Program, releasing **25** birds this season.

As part of a University of Idaho research project, rails fitted with a "backpack" enabled the team to track the local populations of wild and captive released birds.



Virtual composting classes were offered to educate folks on how to compost at home including a Facebook workshop series.



Virtual Master Composter Training resulted in **45** new students added to the master composter network.





# STEWARDSHIP



The Living Coast is grateful for the commitment and support of the City of Chula Vista and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Thank you to the Board of Directors for their leadership and support during this very challenging year.



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Bob Kilpatrick, Chairperson; BAE Systems SD Ship Repair, Retired*

*Bob Koerber, Vice Chair; BAE Systems SD Ship Repair, Retired*

*Sara Giobbi, Secretary; General Dynamics / NASSCO, Environmental Engineering Assistant Manager*

*Andy Yuen, Executive Committee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Liaison; San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Project Leader*

## DIRECTORS

*Sam Cardoso; Mission Federal Credit Union, AVP, Branch Manager*

*Kendall Helm, Ph.D.; San Diego Gas & Electric, Vice President of Energy Supply*

*Christopher Lewis; The Lewis Group, Inc., President*

*Kyle Strong; Collins Aerospace, Associate General Counsel*



# INTEGRITY



## Revenue & Support

|                                  |             |       |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Fundraising & Special Events     | \$1,999,464 | (85%) |
| Educational Program Services     | \$170,395   | (7%)  |
| Admissions & Memberships         | \$117,206   | (5%)  |
| Gift Shop, Rentals & Investments | \$58,457    | (3%)  |

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| TOTAL REVENUES | \$2,345,522 |  |
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## Expenses

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| Program Services                                   | \$977,424 | (65%) |
| Fundraising & Marketing                            | \$257,237 | (17%) |
| Management, Administration<br>& General Operations | \$271,685 | (18%) |

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| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$1,506,346 |  |
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## LEADERSHIP STAFF

Ben Vallejos, Executive Director

Lori Torio, Director of Community Engagement and Development

Elizabeth Argyle, Director of Education

Beth Sabiston, Animal Care Manager

Jessica LaFave, Development Manager

Katharine Mathews, Facilities and Fleet Manager

Rachel Harper, Marketing and Communications Manager





# HONOR ROLL



*Your generous contribution supports our mission  
to inspire the community to connect with and  
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## **\$100,000 and above**

City of Chula Vista  
County of San Diego  
J.W. Sefton Foundation  
The JEM Project  
Nelson Foundation  
The San Diego Foundation

The Hattie Ettinger Conservation  
Fund at The San Diego  
Foundation  
J.F. Beyster Fund at The San  
Diego Foundation  
Las Primeras  
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Marine Group Boat Works  
Republic Services  
Swinerton Incorporated  
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David Voth

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Vanessa Koehne  
Kimberly Kohler  
Cynthia and Daniel Kronemyer  
Diane and Christopher Lever

## **\$50,000 - \$99,999**

Anonymous Donor, Chicago  
Community Trust  
Anonymous Donor, Silicon Valley  
Community Foundation  
Sun Communities  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

## **\$1,000 - \$4,999**

Theresa Acerro  
AT&T California  
Jennifer Austin  
BAE Systems  
Balboa Thrift and Loan  
Jim Biddle  
Jeanne and James Bonk  
Heather Bowden  
Gary Bryant  
Mary Casillas Salas  
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Fidelity Charitable  
Ellen Warner Scott Charitable  
Fund at American Endowment  
Foundation

Gary Petill  
Pratt Memorial Fund  
Sally Raney  
RIDA Development  
Corporation  
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Paul Rynders  
San Diego Fly Fishers  
Mariel and Jayson Schmidt  
Southwestern College  
Mary Ann Saponara  
Shauna Stokes  
Verizon  
Denise Lago and Paul Viani  
Walmart #3516  
Carol and Thomas Warschauer

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Marjorie and Daniel Noyes  
Karen and Tony Odermatt  
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Slater  
Vanessa Pizzuto

## **\$25,000 - \$49,999**

Allison and Robert Price Family  
Foundation Fund of the Jewish  
Community Foundation  
Alumbra Innovations Foundation  
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San Diego Gas & Electric

Employees Community Fund of  
Boeing California  
Ever Forward Fund at Fidelity  
Charitable  
Fairley Foster Charitable Fund at  
Schwab Charitable  
Christine Fenner  
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Sara Giobbi and Michael Claypool  
Bobbi Hardiman  
Susan and Mike Hein  
Kendall and Matthew Helm  
Herbert G. Engel Charitable  
Fund at Fidelity Charitable  
Dennis Klepin  
Elena and Bob Koerber

## **\$500 - \$999**

Barbara Andrews  
Charla and Robert Bird  
Charles and Charlotte Bird  
Fund at The San Diego  
Foundation  
Judy Cave  
Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary  
Club  
Chula Vista Womans Club  
Philip Coons  
Denise and Gary David  
Deanna Davis  
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Debra Dodson and Michael  
Meacham  
Cindy and David Dunlevy

Qualcomm Matching Grant  
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Michael Shepherd  
Judith and Anthony Tieber  
Rebecca Vesterfelt and Louis  
Cohen  
Dina and Ken Weimer  
Darlene Whorley  
Gordie and Louie Zimm

## **\$10,000 - \$24,999**

Anonymous  
Collins Aerospace  
The Conrad Prebys Foundation  
Cheryl and Greg Cox  
Seven Mile Casino  
Sprouts Farmers Market - Chula  
Vista and Eastlake  
Walter J. and Betty C. Zable  
Foundation

## **\$5,000 - \$9,999**

Baldwin & Sons  
Boys & Girls Foundation  
Conner Family Fund at The San  
Diego Foundation  
The Daphne Seybolt Culpeper  
Memorial Foundation, Inc.  
The Elwyn Heller Foundation of  
San Diego  
Friends of San Diego Wildlife  
Refuges  
Susan Fuller





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# ***Envisioning a thriving natural coast through engaged conservation***

The Living Coast Discovery Center is uniquely  
located on the San Diego Bay National Wildlife  
Refuge, Sweetwater Marsh Unit.

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