

250 Hogan Foundation Volunteers Post Record 12,500 Hours

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(Newbury Park, CA) April 2014 marks the 40th anniversary of National Volunteer Month and the Hogan Family Foundation is celebrating its corps of nearly 250 volunteers, who collectively contributed more than 12,500 hours of their time to benefit their communities last year. The volunteers supported a variety of humanitarian, civic, and educational programs run by the Hogan Family Foundation throughout Ventura County.

Since 1998, the Hogan Family Foundation has operated numerous programs requiring volunteer support that have positively affected hundreds of thousands of area residents and visitors, alike. Christine Hogan, Hogan Family Foundation executive vice president, said, "Although April is the official time of year to give thanks to our many volunteers, we owe a great deal of gratitude to them every single day for their hard work. Their selfless efforts allow us to vastly extend our efforts in making meaningful contributions to our community."

The many Hogan Family Foundation programs include operation of Rancho St. Francis—two ranches that house and rehabilitate abused and abandoned horses and large breed dogs, and, through them, help special needs, disabled and needy children and adults, children of deployed military, and others in the community. The Rancho St. Francis facilities near the Foundation's Newbury Park headquarters is served by some 200 volunteers, who donated more than 7,500 hours of their time in 2013.

The Foundation also owns and operates the 4.5-acre Gardens of the World in Thousand Oaks, which hosts over 50,000 visitors annually, providing free tours, summer jazz concerts, and educational presentations, including providing over 1,000 fourth grade students with history lessons on the famous California missions. The 45 docents at the Gardens of the World contributed nearly 5,000 hours this past year leading tours, assisting visitors, answering questions, and monitoring the grounds.

For more information on current programs operated by the Hogan Family Foundation, go online at www.hoganfoundation.org. For volunteer opportunities in your community, visit www.volunteermatch.com.

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