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San Diego Children's Discovery Museum awarded Nissan Foundation grant to fund unique cultural and racial diversity programming in Escondido, CA.

ESCONDIDO, CA – The Nissan Foundation today named San Diego Children's Discovery Museum as a 2023 grant recipient. The Nissan Foundation grant will help fund the Museum's "Stories of Us" programming aimed at sharing the diverse communities of San Diego County through storytelling.

"Thanks to the Nissan Foundation's generous donation of \$10,000, San Diego Children's Discovery Museum will be able to highlight the rich cultures that comprise the communities of San Diego County. Through hands-on activities and storytelling from members of the highlighted community, families will walk away with an appreciation of the cultural traditions of their neighbors," said Heather Disher, Director of Advancement at San Diego Children's Discovery Museum.

The Nissan Foundation was created in 1992 as a thoughtful response to the three weeks of violent civil unrest that occurred near Nissan North America's then U.S. sales and marketing operations in Southern California following the Rodney King trial verdict. Nissan established a \$5 million endowment to promote cultural diversity within southern Los Angeles neighborhoods.

In the more than 30 years since, the Nissan Foundation has awarded nearly \$16 million to more than 150 nonprofit organizations to support innovative programs that break down societal barriers and build inclusive communities through education and outreach. Grant recipients promote cultural diversity across a variety of arts, education, social and public programs in seven U.S. communities where Nissan operates.

"It's an honor to award San Diego Children's Discovery Museum a grant for the work it's doing to promote, share and sustain cultural awareness and understanding in communities throughout our world," said Chandra Vasser President of the Nissan Foundation and Nissan's first Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer.

San Diego Children's Discovery Museum has served the surrounding Escondido community for over 20 years. Through access to hands-on educational resources, many families are provided with new opportunities to learn about the world around them.

"We're proud to create experiences that fulfill our community and the children we serve," added Heather.

The Nissan Foundation is awarding a total of \$1.2 million in grants to 39 nonprofit organizations for its 2023 grant cycle. The nonprofit recipients are located in Atlanta, Central Mississippi, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Middle Tennessee, New York City, Southeast Michigan, Southern California – all locations where Nissan has an operational presence. Learn more about all of the 2023 Nissan Foundation grantees at www.NissanFoundation.com.

Nissan Foundation grants are awarded annually. It will begin accepting Letters of Intent for the 2024 grant cycle on Monday, October 9, 2024. All Letters of Intent must be received by 5 p.m. ET/4 p.m. CT on Friday, November 3. The Nissan Foundation will announce 2024 grantees in June 2024. For more information about the Nissan Foundation and its application process, visit the [Nissan Foundation](#) page.

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About San Diego Children's Discovery Museum

San Diego Children's Discovery Museum's mission is to inspire children to learn about our world through exploration, imagination, and experimentation. Its vision is to be a model community children's museum providing access to authentic hands-on learning experiences to develop the whole child, lifelong learners, and global citizens. The Museum's hands-on educational exhibits and programs focus on science, art, and world cultures for children up to age 10. The Museum is affiliated with the Association of Children's Museums and the San Diego Museum Council. To learn more about the Museum's offerings visit, sdcdm.org