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San Diego Children's Discovery Museum Receives Healing Through the Arts and Nature Grant from The Prebys Foundation

Escondido, CA – The Prebys Foundation has announced the newest recipients of the Healing Through the Arts and Nature Grant. San Diego Children's Discovery Museum has been selected as a recipient to support its Access for All program, funding 425 Family Memberships to under-resourced families, granting them unlimited access to the Museum and the Outdoor Trudy Bronner Discovery Garden.

The grant is rooted in growing evidence that non-clinical approaches, such as spending time in nature and engaging with the arts, can reduce social isolation, improve mental health, and foster a stronger sense of community. The nonprofits receiving recognition and grants engage in activities including playwrighting, horse therapy, hiking, farming, dancing, painting, surfing and more.

Every day, San Diego Children's Discovery Museum works to create a safe and joyful space where all children and families can thrive. "By integrating social-emotional play into over 1,000 nature-based workshops and events annually, including Daily Programs, Fun Animal Fridays, and Jimbo's Garden Workshops, this initiative fosters children's mental well-being and strengthens our community. We are honored to be a recipient of the grant," said Christina Piranio, CEO of San Diego Children's Discovery Museum.

"We are incredibly proud to support the Healing Through the Arts & Nature initiative. These grantees exemplify the transformative power of creativity and the natural world in fostering healing and well-being. Their innovative projects not only enrich our communities but also provide vital pathways to recovery and resilience. We look forward to the profound impact their work will have on individuals and society as a whole" said Grant Oliphant, CEO, Prebys Foundation

A complete list of all Healing Through the Arts and Nature grants can found on the Prebys Foundation website [here](#).

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About San Diego Children's Discovery Museum

San Diego Children's Discovery Museum's mission is to spark a love of learning so all children can discover their wildest dreams. Its vision is to be the leader in inventive early childhood education. The Museum's hands-on educational exhibits and programs focus on science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and math (STREAM) 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, visit sdcdm.org.

About Prebys Foundation

Prebys Foundation is the largest independent private foundation in San Diego County, a unique tri-national area encompassing communities from San Diego, Tijuana, and the Kumeyaay Nation. The foundation works to create an inclusive, equitable, and dynamic future for all San Diegans. Prebys advances excellence and shared opportunity through investments in groundbreaking institutions, ideas, and people to ensure more people in the region are financially secure, healthy, empowered, and connected.