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## Efforts Help Cancer Patients Get Lifesaving Lifts to Treatment



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**Jewish Family Service of San Diego** has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the **San Diego Professionals Against Cancer**, a group of volunteers dedicated to raising money to support local nonprofits

fighting cancer. The money will be used to support breast cancer patients.

"One of the biggest challenges for our breast cancer clients is a lack of transportation," said JFS CEO **Michael Hopkins**. "Many patients report not being able to get to medical appointments because they are too sick to drive themselves or take public transit. The SDPAC's grant helps continue our efforts to support those patients in need."

With the funds, JFS will be able to provide more than 380 one-way rides to 150 breast cancer patients whose lives depend on receiving medical treatments.

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**San Diego Symphony** assistant conductor **Sameer Patel** is one of 11 young American conductors to receive the 2016 Solti Foundation U.S. Career Assistance Award. The mission of the **Solti Foundation U.S.** is to identify, support and promote emerging young American conductors as they launch their classical careers.



Sameer Patel



Photo courtesy of Jewish Family Service of San Diego  
**Carri Chandler**, (front row, left) **Elizabeth Christensen**, **Rachel Cano**, **Rick Pankow**, **Lisa McDonnell**, **Bena Leslie**, **Don Lindsay**, (back row, left), **Tim Turner**, **Russ Novak** and **Cory Henry** at the **San Diego Professionals Against Cancer's** annual volunteer "thank-you" party.

In his role as assistant conductor for the Symphony, Patel is responsible for planning the music and script for the Young People's Concerts and Kinder Concerts and conducting special performances. He also assists music director **Jahja Ling** during rehearsals for the Symphony's Jacobs Masterworks concerts. As part of his personal mission to encourage young musicians, Patel visits high school orchestra classrooms to serve as guest conductor and to share his perspective of a career in music.

**Martha Gilmer**, chief executive officer of the San Diego Symphony, said Patel has been an invaluable asset to the orchestra and is dedicated to bringing music to the community.

"Sameer has infused a great deal of energy and enthusiasm into our Young People's Concerts with his innovative programming — and the students have responded in kind," Gilmer said.

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 The **Rotary of San Diego** Downtown Breakfast Club and **Pathways to Peace** presented the 2016 Peacemaker Award to **Fary Moini** and **Steve Brown**.

**Moini** and **Brown** are Rotarian Global Peace Workers who develop educational programs for students from primary grades through the university level in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. They also reach out to women through sports and medical support. **Moini** and **Brown** demonstrate the Rotary value of "Service Above Self" at the very highest level.

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Local businessman and philanthropist **Doug Barnhart** and his wife **Nancy** have donated \$100,000 to establish the **Douglas Barnhart Athletic Rehabilitation Center** at the **University of California, San Diego**. The new space will be located in the **Alex G. Spanos Athletic Performance Center**.

The gift creates an endowment for the **Athletic Rehabilitation Center** and provides for the greatest needs of the **Spanos Athletic Performance Center**.

"We are pleased to support this project, which will have a positive benefit on UC San Diego's student-athletes," said **Doug Barnhart**. "It is demanding to be a student-athlete and get through college, so our hope is that this gift will help keep these students healthy, thriving and performing at their best."

**Doug Barnhart** co-founded **Barnhart Reese Construction Inc.** with his daughter, **Tamela Barnhart Reese**, and his son-in-law, **West Reese**. **Doug Barnhart** is also the former CEO and chairman of **Barnhart Construction Inc.**

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The **Control Group** has continued its support of **TERI Inc.** for the second year. **TERI Inc.** is a nonprofit dedicated to serving individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities and their families.

This year, The Control Group made a monetary donation to aid in the advancement of **TERI's** programs and their new **Campus of Life**. The company donated a revamped website last year. **TERI** is one of the many organizations that The Control Group supports as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility program.

"...Every cent helps and hopefully this new site will help reach a new group of compassionate donors and supporters," said **Tischa Culver**, public relations and communications specialist for The Control Group. Visit [teriinc.org](http://teriinc.org).

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