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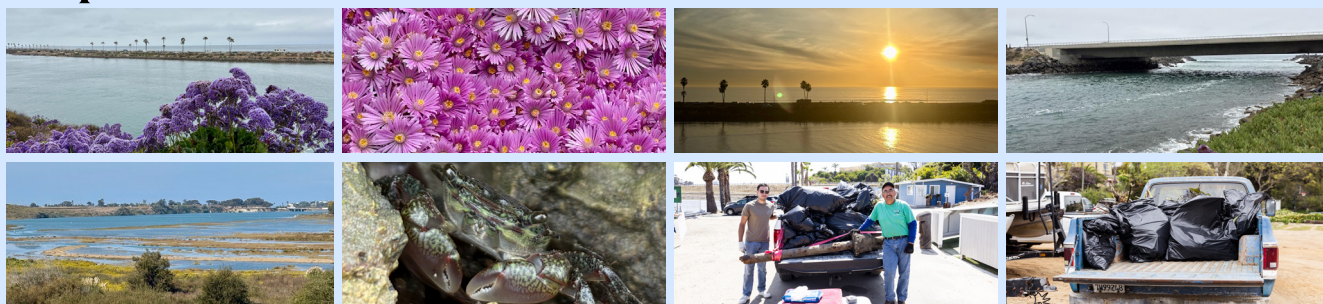
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## Impact

### IMPACT NUMBERS FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025



**62,000 individuals served through hands-on, excellent environmental education.**

Of this total, the following areas contributed to our reach:

#### Discovery Campus:

- Our Discovery & Learn Series served over **1,126 guests**.
- **1,134 individuals** who hold a membership enjoyed Member Exclusive Hours After Hours on Wednesdays.

#### Education:

- Served **8,526 students** through the Academy for Environmental Stewardship school field trips.
- Provided **38 outreach groups** with concentrated educational opportunities on Raptor Species totaling **1,725 people**.

#### Trails and Conservation:

- Expanded Team: Through a partnership with CA Climate Action Corps and CA Conservation Corps, AHLF hosted **(2) part-time fellows** to boost stewardship, provide education, and increase volunteer engagement.
- Trail & Access: Maintained and monitored **3.5 miles** of recreational public access easements.
- Open Space Monitoring: Oversaw stewardship of **132 acres** in the Coastal Zone.

- Erosion Control: Installed **96 recycled oyster wattles**—repurposing 4,020 pounds of oyster shell to protect coastal bluffs and prevent erosion.
- Habitat Restoration: Planted and monitored **271 native species** to support biodiversity.
- Invasive Species Management: Treated and removed approximately **6,500 Algerian Sea Lavender** (*Limonium ramosissimum*) plants using a combination of solarization and manual hand-pulling techniques.
- Wildlife Protection: Removed **1.8 lbs.** of discarded fishing line from Hubbs Coastal Trail.
- Imported approximately **96 tons** of rip rap rock, recycled base, and DG to repair sinkhole and erosion control maintaining our trails and prevent erosion.
- Community Cleanup: Collected **3,560 lbs.** of trash and invasive plants during the Lagoon Kahuna Clean-Up Challenge.

#### Volunteers:

- **5,965 volunteers** hosted through all programs and opportunities.

## Financials

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025: JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

As part of our continued commitment to transparency and financial stewardship, the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation is in the process of transitioning our financial reporting from a cash basis to an accrual basis, in alignment with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). We are also undergoing our first formal audit under these standards.

Please note that our current reporting (below) remains on a cash basis during this transition period. Once the shift to accrual accounting is complete—anticipated by December 2025—future financial reports will reflect this new standard.

### INCOME

Donations	\$ 199,111.55
Educational Programs & Educational Grants	\$ 599,370.48
Events/Fundraising/Sponsorships	\$ 588,119.11
Other Grants	\$ 93,498.80
Membership Dues	\$ 136,243.73
Other Income	\$ 148,511.85
	<b>\$ 1,764,855.52</b>

### EXPENSES

Administrative	\$ 155,540.15
Community Outreach	\$ 217,017.58
Discovery Campus	\$ 433,085.01
Educational Programs	\$ 460,436.40
Fundraising	\$ 179,251.50
Trails and Conservation	\$ 268,796.39
	<b>\$ 1,714,127.03</b>

### Net Income

**\$ 50,728.49**



## LAGOON LEGACY SOCIETY

This list includes individuals who have added AHLF as beneficiary to their will or living trust allowing them to leave a legacy of support for our environmental education and stewardship programs.

Sunny Blende & Randy Hixon  
Stacy Hall  
Diane Kahler  
Colleen & Ian McDaniel  
Cindy & Mike Metts  
Dr. Renuka Sethi

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Susan & Richard Andrews  
Bruce Bandemer  
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California's Own Native Landscape Design  
Component Concepts  
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Julie & Paul Nygaard  
Sanders Tech-Ed Foundation  
Lance Schulte  
Robert Wilkinson  
Barbara Wood

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This list includes Major Gift (\$1000+ donation) between the dates July 2024 – July 2025 organized by totality of all gifts given to the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation. Major Gift Members who purchased a Brick are highlighted below.

**Margie Newell.** Janean & Tim Stripe. **Sandy & Carlton Lund.** **Robert Beard.** Kathy Issa. **Susan & Bill Hoehn.** **Carole & John Sanders.** Joann & John Johnson. **Sue & Steve Hart.** **Michelle & Matt Ginn.** **Julie Gibbs.** Michelle Lund. **Stacy Hall.** Leah Bissonette & Robert Hemphill. Robert Hampton. **Lin & Joe Ball.** **Rachel & Cole Ivanovich.** **Patti & Steve Baker.** **Phyllis & Matt Hall.** **Liz Carnes.** Sara Huber. **April & Henry Shute.** **Elaine Nielsen.** **Randi Fjaeran.** **Jean & George Wever.** **Karen & Ray Pearson.** **Barbi & Greg Nelson.** Tera Stantz. Britt Miller. Janie & Andrew Hughes. **Carla & Thomas Applegate.** Jaidene & Roby Vigilucci. **Ken Kebow.** **Lisa & Terrell Rodman.** Lynnell Talone Honda. Shelley & William Wong. Leslie & Jim Brubaker. **Vicki & Neil Black.** Karen Bond. Heather & Jimmy Ukegawa. Shawn & Bill Milligan. **Robin & Don Wofford.** **Carolyn & Mark O'Malley.** Rebecca Brown & Ed Rose. Ken Richter. Cindy & Mike Metts. Catherine & Jos Magana. Jodi & Jon James. Meg & Alex Preston. Jacqueline & Gerry Hernandez. **Cheri & Ron Dixon.** Jane & Todd Hashbarger. Traci & Rick Grove. Beth & Robert Schmeiser. Dawn & Jeff Van Siclen. Cindy & John Wallace. Andrea & Kurtis Peterson. Lieberman Kuehler. Lynn & Neal Fogelhut. Heidi & Neal Digert. Ingrid Weibust & Jacen Grant. Mary & Robert Meigs. Melanie & Shawn Burkholder. Joan & David Hadden.

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Hospice of the North Coast  
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The Silva Group - Lynnell Talone  
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Shoal Creek Elementary  
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### PLATINUM: \$83.33 MONTHLY (\$1000 ANNUALLY)

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## Grants July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

### ACADEMY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

*A year-round NGSS-aligned field trip program for K-7th grade students focused on environmental science, history, and sustainability through immersive, hands-on rotations at AHLF's Discovery Campus.*

- **\$18,750** – The John and Elizabeth Leonard Family Foundation: Supported subsidized or free field trip access for ~551 third-grade students from Carlsbad-area schools not covered by other funding.
- **\$18,528** – Carlsbad Educational Foundation (CEF): Funded all third-grade students in Carlsbad Unified School District for the Live the Past and Experience Today programs, including raptor outreach.
- **\$2,500** – Hunter Industries: Supported Title I third-grade students from San Marcos Unified School District.
- **\$1,000** – The Charitable Foundation: Helped school sites in San Diego County attend.

### COASTAL EXPERIENCE STEAM CAMP

*A free week-long summer day camp for underserved middle school students*

*focused on coastal ecology, marine science, technology, and nature-based wellness.*

- **\$10,000** – Slaggie Family Foundation: Supported the full camp experience for underserved students.
- **\$5,000** – Youth Friends Association: Funded access for 12 underserved youth from Oceanside and Escondido.
- **\$3,000** – Arthur and Jeanette Pratt Memorial Fund: Funded the hands-on Underwater ROV (uROV) Experience.
- **\$1,500** – Elwyn Heller Foundation: Provided tuition scholarships for underserved students from Oceanside and Escondido.

### DISCOVER & LEARN SERIES

*A twice-daily (Monday – Friday), drop-in, interactive environmental education series for families and young learners featuring wildlife demonstrations, microscope lessons, storytelling, and more.*

- **\$5,000** – Bessie Minor Swift Foundation: Funded program enhancements including take-home books, microscope slides, and interactive materials.
- **\$1,400** – Walmart Spark Good:

Supported overall implementation of the series.

### TRAILS AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM

*Maintains 3.5 miles of trails, restores native habitat, removes invasive species, and hosts volunteer-powered community events along the Agua Hedionda Lagoon.*

- **\$22,500** – Athletic Brewing Company: Supported trail access and maintenance efforts.
- **\$8,000** – Leah Bissonette & Robert Hemphill: Funded installation of a MOTUS Wildlife Tracking System and supported student internship opportunities.
- **\$4,561** – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program: Funded Algerian Sea Lavender removal efforts via hand-pulling and solarization.
- **\$3,700** – Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club: Funded a new trail shed, organizational shelving, and tool storage for volunteer efforts.

### DISCOVERY ISLAND (EDUCATIONAL EXPANSION)

*A weatherproof outdoor classroom and exhibit space promoting experiential learning through sensory gardens, literacy, archaeology, and*

*STEAM activities. (this is a current funding campaign, and projected to be built in 2026)*

- **\$2,000** – David C. Copley Foundation: Supported construction and educational elements of the exhibit area.

### BROAD SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & ACCESS TO OUTDOOR SPACES

*Unrestricted or cross-program support enhancing AHLF's mission of equitable education, conservation, and stewardship.*

- **\$50,000** – The Conrad Prebys Foundation: Healing Through the Arts & Nature Initiative grant to support environmental education and stewardship, especially for underserved youth.
- **\$11,500** – Sanders Tech Ed Foundation: General support to sustain equitable programming, trail access, and new initiatives.
- **\$7,150** – Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.: Provided employee volunteerism, STEM activities, and trail/garden restoration support.
- **\$5,000** – The Jem Project: Unrestricted support for organizational priorities.

# Events

## DISCOVERY GALA 2024 ~ LAGOON'S ELEVEN

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With jazz notes in the air and glasses raised high, the VIP Patron Party, generously sponsored by **Grand Pacific Resorts**, kicked off a night of celebration as **Bob Beard** was honored as the **2024 Hero on a Quest** for his impactful work and inspiring contributions to Agua Hedionda and the greater Carlsbad community.

The celebration continued at the Westin Resort with a glamorous Vegas-themed dinner under a shimmering Bellagio backdrop proudly sponsored by **NRG Energy**. Guests enjoyed lively debates over which is the best Ocean's film and then turned their focus to a high-energy auction that kept the room buzzing into a crescendo with a moving video that stirred hearts and inspired all to unite in meeting the Newell Family's \$50,000 match.

The night also featured a heartfelt tribute to **2024 Honoree Margie Newell**, highlighted by a formal proclamation from Mayor Keith Blackburn honoring her lasting contributions.

The festivities continued with dancing, casino games, and culminated with three fantastic prizes – congratulations to our winners Josh Cantor, Cindy & Mike Metts, and Jennipher Harris! ♦



## KIDS GALA 2024 ~ TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL

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Over 150 guests joined us on Friday, August 16th 2024 to beat the summer heat and celebrate Kids Gala 2024! The event sparkled with winter-themed fun – from the whimsical Bubble Blizzard and Frosty Face Painting to the excitement of COOL Karaoke and hands-on Science Wonderland, the event was packed with winter magic.

Guests delighted in animal encounters at Winter Paws & Claws, learned marvelous tricks during Mr. Meigs' Snowflake Sorcery, and celebrated Bingo's "halfie" birthday bash complete with cupcakes and an appearance from Elsa. Families played spirited rounds of B-I-N-G-O with Bingo, explored Everything Banana with Mr. Banana, and recharged at the Snowy Snack Station and adult-friendly Ice Bar.

The night wrapped up with a flurry of excitement during the Winter Winner opportunity drawing—congrats to Jenna Mortazavi and Kevin Smith!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, donated, volunteered, or sponsored—your support made this event "cool" and completely unforgettable! ♦







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# Events

## HAUNTED CORN MAZE 2024

By: Erin Hardin, Director of Community Relations

Spooky season is always a smash hit at the Carlsbad Strawberry Company, but 2024 was especially successful! Thanks to **over 100 dedicated volunteers** and the thousands of thrill-seekers who dared to brave the Haunted Corn Maze each night, we raised an incredible **\$95,000** to support local education and community outreach.

From bone-chilling scares to behind-the-scenes support, every single role played a part that helped craft an experience that was truly unforgettable. We're deeply grateful for the energy, time, and passion you all brought to the maze.

And we are already conjuring excitement for this year's return—whether you're scaring, securing, or screaming your way through the corn — let's make 2025 our most legendary haunt yet! ♦



## LAGOONA KAHUNA CLEAN UP CHALLENGE 2025

By: Erin Hardin, Director of Community Relations

### COMPANY TEAMS

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The weekend kicked off with an unexpected graffiti incident at California Watersports, but staff and volunteers

quickly came together to clean it up—turning a setback into a show of community strength. From there, Lagoon Kahuna was all about team spirit, competition, and environmental impact. Division I champs DUAL North America brought the heat, while Division II teams impressed with fast game times and major lagoon cleanups. Combined with the Mini Kahuna teams, we removed **3,560 pounds** of waste from the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. **Congrats to our 2025 Big Kahuna – DUAL North America, and Little Kahuna – Handel's Ice Cream!**



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On a brisk, overcast day, families, friends, and passionate individuals united to clean up the Agua Hedionda Lagoon – driven by a shared goal of creating a safer, healthier habitat for all. While the focus was on environmental stewardship, the day was filled with laughter, friendly games like Giant Jenga and Blind Cornhole, paddle adventures, and surprise visits from marine life—each moment a joyful reminder of the real impact of our efforts. Thank you to everyone who showed up with heart and purpose, and a **big congratulations to our Mini Kahuna winner, the Gibson Family!** ♦





# Education

## PRESCHOOL PLAYDATES: SPROUTING CURIOSITY

By: Deniell Aadland, Lead Preschool Teacher & Educational Coordinator



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PROGRAM

This past year, our Preschool Playdates Program immersed children in the wonders of outdoor learning—with enchanting nature hikes, up-close animal encounters, imaginative crafts, and plenty of joyous dance parties. Beyond this sensory-rich exploration that sparks curiosity, the program nurtures social-emotional growth, encouraging children to use their words, practice kindness, and build lasting friendships—even with a pig!

What began in 2020 as a small, hopeful initiative has blossomed into a vibrant daily program serving more than 30 children a day. As we look ahead to 2025, we celebrate the thriving community we've cultivated and are excited to continue inspiring young minds through play-based environmental education. ♦



## 2024 DISCOVERY CAMP

Our SOLD OUT 2024 Discovery Summer Camp stood as a shining celebration of Excellence in Environmental Education, 35 Years Strong! From K-5th grade, campers explored nature, conducted hands-on science experiments, cuddled with Animal Ambassadors, and danced their way through summer—all while learning real-world lessons in environmental stewardship.

Each week brought democratic fun as campers elected a President and Vice President of the Discovery Campus—Bingo the Mini Pig and her loyal sidekick Tortie the Tortoise were the clear winners every time.

When the seasons turned, so did the adventures! In fall and winter, campers swapped sunscreen for rain boots and embraced puddle jumping, seasonal crafts, and lessons on the water cycle.

Rain or shine, our trails remain filled with curiosity, laughter, and the promise of the next generation of environmental stewards. ♦



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# Discovery Campus

## DISCOVERY CAMPUS

By: Samantha Passovoy,  
Discovery Campus Director

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This spring, we bid a heartfelt farewell to our beloved Western Screech Owl, Tecolote, who officially retired after many years of gentle, impactful service as a treasured animal ambassador. In March, we welcomed Acorn, a Screech Owl imprinted on humans and unable to return to the wild. Acorn has quickly made himself at home—captivating visitors with his curious gaze and winning hearts with his endearing calm.



Just a couple of months later, on May 5th, we welcomed Stripe, a Red-tailed Hawk with a powerful story of resilience. Rescued in Orange County at just five weeks old with a damaged eye, Stripe was

originally intended for release. However further evaluation revealed that he has little to no vision in both eyes, making survival in the wild impossible.



Today, Stripe resides safely in Wings Over Agua: A Grand Pacific Resorts Exhibit—an enriching space generously sponsored by Janean and Tim Stripe and Grand Pacific Resorts. Supporters since 2011, their mission to “enrich lives by creating experiences worth sharing” comes to life in this thoughtfully designed habitat.

As we celebrate **35 Years of Excellence in Environmental Education**, both Acorn and Stripe serve as living symbols of resilience, connection, and the importance of protecting our natural world. If you haven't yet met them, we warmly invite you to stop by—where their presence continues to educate and inspire all who visit. ♦



Flashback to  
**2003**



Flashback to  
**2005**

## Trails & Community Outreach



### TRAILS & CONSERVATION

By: Larissa Fullmer, Director of Trails & Conservation

Over the past year, our team has remained committed to restoring and maintaining our existing trails to ensure continued and improved access for visitors. In June 2025, that commitment took a bold step forward with the creation of **0.3 miles of new recreational access** along the north side of the lagoon stretching from California Watersports to Hoover Street.

Volunteers dedicated a full week to clearing brush, removing obstacles, and opening a safe, welcoming corridor for walkers and nature lovers. This hands-on effort exemplifies our guiding philosophy of **Excellence in Environmental Education, 35 Years Strong**. Through our work, we empower volunteers to learn and lead through meaningful conservation projects that directly enhance public access to our coastal open spaces while they also grow as stewards and leaders. ♦

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