



Quality Systems Integrated Corporation leads by example

5K sponsor helps build a stronger community

By Patricia M. Walsh

Kiem and Cecile Le believe giving back to the community is a responsibility we all share. "We need to build America and the San Diego community strong and healthy," says Cecile, chief financial officer of Quality Systems Integrated Corporation (QSIC). "In short, charity work is now everyone's responsibility."

QSIC, a contract electronics manufacturing company headquartered in San Diego, supports companies in the wireless, RF, ultra-wide band, telecommunications, computers, industrial, medical, biotech, military, defense and aerospace industries. The company's commitment to its customers is just one way it helps make San Diego strong. The other is through its support of our neighbors in need.

"There is a balance in life; we receive and we give," says Kiem, QSIC's chief executive officer. "At QSIC we like to lead by example."

Since 2003 QSIC has sponsored Father Joe's Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/Walk. Over the years the 5K and the number of meals Father Joe's Villages serves has grown thanks to support from companies such as QSIC.

"We see that Father Joe's Villages is able to impact the local community and that's really important to Quality Systems," says Kiem. "At a time when we have a lot of things to be thankful for, we are glad to help others so that they can experience the same."

Cecile and Kiem both know what it's like to start over. Kiem left Vietnam and came to America in the 1970s. "Unfortunately life has many challenges," Kiem says. "We



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Kiem and Cecile Le, right, with the management team of Quality Systems Integrated Corporation.

experienced hospitality, and now we like to help others overcome challenges."

"If we all work together, we make the cities, schools and our country stronger," Kiem adds. "Our philosophy is that we all participate in the growth of our

country and society. It is ours, and we can help make it better."

Founded in 1994, QSIC provides contract electronic manufacturing services (EMS) with two high-tech facilities in San Diego County and one facility under construction in Vietnam. ISO 9001:2000 certified,

Quality Systems' services are guaranteed to achieve high EMS quality standards. Partnering with each of its clients to customize a solution, Quality Systems delivers exceptional value and quality with speed and agility in markets worldwide. ■

He fashioned a fundraiser

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During Lent, 11-year-old Robbie Culkin wanted to do something to help others. So he came up with the idea of making and selling hand-made colored duct tape wallets to his classmates. He started by meeting with his principal at Stella Maris Catholic Academy in La Jolla, and presenting his idea in writing. He got the go-ahead for his philanthropic endeavor, created an official flier and made his sales pitch to classmates during recess and lunch.

Once he received an order, taking only three per day so he wouldn't get arthritis, he fashioned each \$6 wallet individually by hand in green, orange, yellow, blue or red, raising \$61 to help our neighbors in need.

"I'm glad that it's kids helping kids," the seventh grader says. "Because my friends bought the wallets and the money will help other kids."

Robbie's wallets grew into other designer duct tape fashions – including a pink wallet he made for his mom, a purse, a business card holder for his dad, and a baseball cap for himself, all of which he made in a variety of colors and patterns.

Why did he pick Father Joe's Villages as his charity of choice?

"Because my dad and grandpa both donated cars to Father Joe." ■



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Robbie Culkin and his designer duct tape wallets and accessories.

New instructions for Ralphs Community Contributions

St. Vincent de Paul Village will receive a contribution each time you use your Ralphs rewards card on eligible purchases.

Register your rewards card online

- Log in to www.ralphs.com
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Enter your zip code and click on "find," then select your preferred store.
- Enter account information, select your email options and click Confirm.
- Follow instructions.

If you already registered your rewards card online

- Log in to www.ralphs.com
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Enter your email address and password and click on "sign in"
- Click on "My Account"
- Follow instructions to donate your rewards to St. Vincent de Paul Village.

Thank you for your time and talent

Our neighbors in the community are very generous with their time and talent, which helps inspire the lives of those at the Village. We are grateful for the many things you do. Here are some groups that have recently volunteered:

Navy chief selectees – Built a walkway and landscaped yards between two of the Josue Homes.

Boston Market – Employees from the company's western division restaurants served a meal at the Paul Mirabile Center.

MADCAPs – The Mothers and Daughters Club Assisting Philanthropies sorted toys for Santa's Workshop.

SDSU Child & Family Development – Student group provided pizza, decorations, and sundae station for the teen dance in October at St. Vincent de Paul Village.

La Jolla Country Day School – Students hosted their annual Halloween Carnival for children at St. Vincent de Paul Village. The evening of fun included face painting, games, Bingo and prizes.

Embassy Suites – The downtown San Diego hotel hosted "Trick or Sweets" for children at Father Joe's Villages, which included games, treats and a delicious lunch.

USS Nimitz – Crewmembers spruced up the inside of Josue Homes with fresh coats of paint.

Extreme Fun Inc. – Hosted a party for children at St. Vincent de Paul Village.

Motorola – Landscaped at St. Vincent de Paul Village.

Pilgrim UCC – Registered residents to vote.

Soup Plantation – Donated food and volunteered to serve a meal at the Paul Mirabile Center.



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Navy chief selectees from Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado dug in to help out at Josue Homes.

Shiek Foundation – Provided food for 800 meals, prepared and served meals.

Circle of Friends – Prepared backpacks for distribution to neighbors in need on Christmas Day.

Mires Ball – Interior decorators trimmed the halls of the Joan Kroc Center for Christmas.

Harley Owners Group, La Jolla Cove Suites – Hosted Toussaint Academy teens and Village children to a limo ride and Christmas party.

Premier, Inc. – Board member Craig McKasson and employees helped set up Santa's Workshop.

OldTownTrolley – Provided Village children a holiday ride, party and tour of lights in Old Town.

Old Globe Theatre – Hosted showing of "The Grinch." ■



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SDSU Child & Family Development students provided a Halloween party at the Village for teens.

SANDAN meeting

In October, Father Joe's Villages hosted the quarterly meeting of the San Diego Association of Nonprofits (SANDAN). City Council member Tony Young attended the meeting to hear interests and concerns from local nonprofit organizations.

Paul Harris Fellowship

The San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary Club presented Father Joe with a Paul Harris Fellowship, which recognizes individuals who have done significant work for the community or internationally. Father Joe joins a group of more than 1 million individuals who have been recognized, including Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, Kofi Anann, Prince Charles, Indira Gandhi, Luciano Pavarotti, King Hussein of Jordan and Pope John Paul II.



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Joining Father Joe Carroll at a meeting of the San Diego Association of Nonprofits are, from left, SANDAN board member Walter Phillips, executive director of the San Diego Youth and Community Services; City Councilmember Tony Young; and SANDAN board member Carol Fitzgibbons, executive director of Home of the Guiding Hands.

Volunteer!

Make a New Year's resolution you can keep

No matter your age, career or marital status, you can do something about homelessness simply by volunteering.

Here are ways you can get involved:

Organize donation drives – Pick a theme and collect items such as food, new clothing, or toys for neighbors in need.

Support services – Help prepare and serve meals, or perform maintenance tasks.

Team repair projects – Bring the staff or group for a teambuilding experience by helping with projects such as painting, landscaping, repairs, fence building, or gazebo building.

Sponsor a meal – In addition to serving a meal at St. Vincent de Paul Village, your organization pays for the meal being served.

Host parties or activities for children, families at the Village – You provide the party for Village residents, which can include providing decorations, food, and entertainment. This is a great way to help homeless residents celebrate on Valentine's Day, Fourth of July, Halloween or New Year's Eve.

Career & Education Center – Tutor adults in basic subjects, help people develop computer skills and assist clients in their job search activities.

Children's Services – Care for infants and young children, help children with their homework or lead after-school activities, assist in activities to promote a family interest in reading.

Residential Services – Work with staff to provide support and guidance to Village and seasonal shelter residents.

For more information on volunteering call 619.645.6312, ext 1102 in San Diego and 760.347.4741 in Indio.