

Search Dog Foundation Receives Ongoing Support

Santa Monica, CA (May 2018): The Search Dog Foundation (SDF) has received a \$10,000 contribution from the William H. Hannon Foundation, bringing the Foundation's cumulative support to \$50,000 for the organization that provides life-saving search teams for Los Angeles and cities across the United States. Founded in 1996, SDF has become a leader in the field of canine search and rescue, delivering unique and important services by finding survivors in the aftermath of storms, earthquakes, tornadoes and other disasters. SDF has trained and supported over 140 certified search teams that have deployed to 164 disasters and missing persons searches. SDF also operates the first National Training Center for America's Canine Search Teams.

The Foundation's latest grant will go to support 18 Los Angeles based Search Teams, including new search team training for three recently and soon-to-be paired teams as well as advanced training for 15 veteran teams to maintain certification for deployment.

"Canine search and rescue literally makes the difference between life and death for those trapped from a disaster. Recently, SDF played a key role in helping victims trapped in the horrific Montecito mudslides. SDF and their dogs are unsung heroes," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.