

# SAN DIEGO OASIS: FACT SHEET



San Diego Oasis is an award-winning nonprofit organization serving people 50+ throughout the San Diego region. Our mission is to promote successful aging through a three-fold approach: lifelong learning, healthy living and intergenerational community service.

## Our Impact: How We are Changing the World

- 1) We are solving social isolation, an urgent health issue in the rapidly growing older adult population;
- 2) We are changing the life course of low income students so that they are successful in life;
- 3) We are helping Bridge the Digital Divide for seniors in need who benefit from technology; and
- 4) We are not duplicating anyone else's work; and
- 5) We are changing the way people think about aging.

**Current Membership** is 54,000. Membership is free. Class costs range from free to \$20 per class.

## Program Highlights

- **Lifelong Learning:** 6,000 in-person and online classes annually at our two locations (La Mesa and Rancho Bernardo) and more than 30 off-site locations
- **Healthy Living:** workshops in fitness, dance, nutrition, life-style, and chronic disease management
- **Intergenerational Tutoring Program:** hundreds of trained volunteer tutors are helping at-risk children in grades K-4 build reading skills, self-esteem and positive attitudes toward learning. We serve Title 1 schools throughout the County, including San Diego, Chula Vista, La Mesa/Spring Valley, Poway/Rancho Bernardo, Ramona, and Escondido.
- **Intergenerational Summer Camp:** children and volunteers experience camp together in this award-winning, wholly unique intergenerational summer camp experience. The ultimate goal of this program is to develop reading and writing skills while promoting strong intergenerational bonds.
- **Travel Program:** day trips and extended trips are offered throughout the year.
- **Bridging the Digital Divide:** new tablets, training, internet, and free online classes are provided to low-income, isolated seniors who do not have any technology at home (~1 100 tablets as of 7/2023).

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## AWARDS

**2023:** CSO50 Award Winner for AI Edge Security and Thought Leadership

**2022:** Simona Valanciute selected one of the Most Influential People in San Diego, San Diego Business Journal

**2022:** Generations United's Program of Merit for "Generations Together" Intergenerational Summer Camp

**2020:** Public Health Champion award by the County of San Diego's Covid19 Leadership.

**2019:** Two Impact Awards: by the North San Diego Business Chamber and the Escondido Chamber.

**2018:** NBC Universal Project Innovation Award for Technology Efforts with Older Adults.

**2017:** Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring Program of Distinction by Generations United, a prestigious national award.

**2016:** Excellence Award by KUSI and Torrey Pines Bank, Breaking Away Excellence Award.

**2014:** Charity Navigator: 4 stars out of 4 stars. Our sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned us a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator.

**2013:** Gloria Cavanaugh Award for Excellence in Training and Education is given by American Society on Aging (ASA) to organizations with significant and long-term contributions to the field which have created visibility for exemplary training and educational efforts.