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Mayor Faulconer, One San Diego Lead Donation of 60 Laptops to Two Local Public Libraries

Cox Communications and the San Diego Library Foundation Donate \$30,000 to purchase 60 new Chromebooks for San Ysidro and Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Libraries

San Diego, Calif. (Sept. 9, 2015) – Surrounded by children from Chollas-Meade Elementary School and St. Rita’s Catholic School in Emerald Hills, today Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, First Lady Katherine Stuart and One San Diego, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, led the donation of 60 new Chromebook laptops to Valencia Park/Malcolm X and San Ysidro San Diego branch libraries.

Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer said, “One of the ways that we’re building One San Diego is by providing educational opportunities to youth across San Diego. Thanks to Cox Communications and the Library Foundation, these laptops will give San Diego children access to the tools they need to get their homework done. This is one new opportunity for our children that gets them one step closer to the career of their dreams.”

Cox Communications and the San Diego Public Library Foundation each contributed \$15,000 to purchase the laptops, and helped present them to San Diego Public Library representatives at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library. The laptops were donated to enable broader implementation of Mayor Faulconer’s “Do Your Homework @ the Library” initiative. “Do Your Homework @ the Library” is the city’s first comprehensive afterschool program focused on providing one-on-one assistance to school children at targeted K-8 schools throughout San Diego. The program capitalizes on San Diego public library equipment, staff, Wi-Fi access, and digital resources to help students complete their homework, and ultimately, succeed in school.

Ileana Ovalle Engel of Cox Communications said, “Cox has a strong commitment to using our resources and expertise to bring technology to students, families and communities throughout San Diego. Through this partnership, we’re able to provide technology to students who may not have access to computers or the Internet in the home, as well as support efforts such as the Mayor’s ‘Do Your Homework @ the Library’ program that are critical to students’ success in school.”

Valencia Park/Malcolm X and San Ysidro are among the busiest *Do Your Homework @ the Library* branches. Today’s donation quadruples the number of laptops students will be able to use at Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, and provides all new laptops for the San Ysidro Branch Library that have not previously been available for this purpose. These laptops will help the 1,400 students served at each location complete their homework more quickly, and give them the tools they need in order to remain competitive with other students across the city.

“Two central tenants of One San Diego’s mission are to improve access to educational resources and reduce barriers to higher education. One San Diego will continue to donate laptops in support of our mission, and we will continue to leverage corporate, community, and non-profit support to help San Diego’s school children reach their full academic potential,” said **Barbara Ybarra, Executive Director of One San Diego.**

About One San Diego: [One San Diego](http://www.1sandiego.org/) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, founded by Mayor Kevin Faulconer and First Lady Katherine Stuart, who serves as the organization’s Honorary Chair. One San Diego promotes equal access to educational opportunities and economic prosperity, safe and vibrant communities, and enhanced quality of life for all San Diegans. One San Diego supports the Mayor’s Office and the City of San Diego in their joint efforts to engage neighborhood residents through collaboration and community involvement, by leveraging networks of local leaders, schools, government agencies, non-profits, and faith communities to foster a stronger and more united San Diego. For more information on One San Diego, please visit: <http://www.1sandiego.org/>.

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