

Molina in Action: San Diego



Community Champions Awards

Molina Healthcare of California recognized four San Diego heroes who embody the spirit of service, advocacy, and volunteerism. As part of Molina's annual Community Champions Awards, each honoree received a trophy, flowers, and a \$5,000 grant to donate to the organization of their choice. Molina donated to Survivors of Torture, International, Somali Family Service, Kitchens for Good, and Words Alive on the winners' behalf.



Personal Protective Equipment Donations

To help communities stay healthy during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, Molina donated personal protective equipment (PPE) to providers and organizations across the state. As part of this effort, Molina provided masks and hand sanitizer bottles to the San Diego Mexican Consulate, federally qualified health centers, Catholic Charities, and ElderHelp.



Make a Difference Day

Molina celebrated National Make a Difference Day by donating laundry baskets filled with household essentials to Home Start, an organization that supports vulnerable and at-risk youth and families in San Diego. The baskets of kitchen towels, laundry detergent, sponges, dish soap, potholders, mugs, and blankets were provided to families in Home Start's supportive housing programs.



Supporting Kitchens for Good

Instead of hosting an office holiday luncheon, Molina donated the \$9,000 luncheon funds to Kitchens for Good. The grant was used to fund 275,000 meals for homebound seniors, at-risk youth, and low-income families struggling with food insecurity during the pandemic, as well as core operating costs. The donation was also used to help launch culinary and hospitality careers for 148 individuals overcoming histories of incarceration, homelessness, and foster care. Since 2014, Kitchens for Good has enrolled over 400 individuals in its culinary apprenticeship program and has distributed more than 500,000 meals.