

SOUTH COUNTY

NATURE CENTER GETS DONATION OF \$30,000

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CHULA VISTA

The nonprofit Chula Vista Nature Center has received a \$30,000 donation from Marine Group Boat Works, a boat-repair facility with locations along the bay and in Los Cabos, Mexico.

"The (center) has been a neighbor of ours for a long time," said Herb Engel, president of Marine Group Boat Works and a member of the center's board of directors. "We are pleased to share our resources with an organization that not only benefits the surrounding wildlife, but our entire community as well."

The donation will be partially used to buy food for animals, one of the biggest expenses at the center, which is on the southern rim of San Diego Bay. The rest will be set aside to help offset other operating costs.

Marine Group Boat Works also provided new signage for the entrance, and is allowing the facility to use the company's crane operators for cleanup projects.

The nature center, which works to educate the public on the importance of coastal conservation, transitioned from a city-owned department to an independent organization last year.

For more information, visit chulavistanaturecenter.org.