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COMMUNITY REPORT



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the Community!*

Hunter® The Irrigation Innovators

Hunter Industries manufactures quality irrigation components to keep landscapes and golf courses of the world green and growing. We are just as committed to the growth and vitality of the communities throughout the world in which we live, work, and sell our products.

Much of our community commitment is represented by financial donations, product donations, and countless volunteer hours by Hunter Industries that make a significant difference in our worldwide community. Year after year, our people generously donate their time and often their own money to company sponsored projects that help others in need. You can see that spirit of giving truly expressed within the pages of this Community Report.

Over the years, Hunter has contributed millions of dollars in money, products, and services to a wide range of charitable causes. Projects not specifically recognized in these pages are no less important. Thank you to everyone who made these and other volunteer projects successful. I am proud of what we do as community volunteers.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Hunter



Community Involvement Starts at the Top



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*Making Holidays Happy
with Project Share*



*Volunteering Our Time,
Donating Our Products*



*Mother's Day Baskets
for St. Clare's Home*

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COMMUNITY

Is it the town in which we live? Or the county? Or is it something larger? When the subject is "community" the answer can be many things...including the entire world.

In this modern age, with instantaneous internet connections and satellite video feeds, the far flung corners of the globe are being brought closer together than ever before. In effect, we are now one big international community. When a tragedy occurs on the opposite side of the planet, be it on the scale of a famine in Africa or something more personal like a youngster in need of a bone marrow transplant in the European countryside...we all feel a little bit closer to the events than we did a generation ago.

As a leader in the irrigation industry, Hunter understands what it means to have a global presence. As such, the company maintains a responsibility to the community on all levels...first and foremost to those closest to home, but not ignoring those far away in miles but close in our hearts and minds.



Making a Difference, One Person at a Time

Every year **United Way/CHAD** provides assistance to one in three San Diego County residents. Annually, the family of agencies tackles a wide range of community issues such as homelessness, physical and mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse, gang intervention and educational enrichment. Additionally, agencies work to provide after-school care for low-income families, help for the disabled, disaster relief, health care for seniors and many other services.

At Hunter, all employee contributions are matched by the company, making the United Way the single biggest beneficiary of Hunter charitable efforts each year. The annual campaign brings in well over \$100,000 every year and each individual employee's donations are able to be personally earmarked for the charity of their choosing.



Food Bank

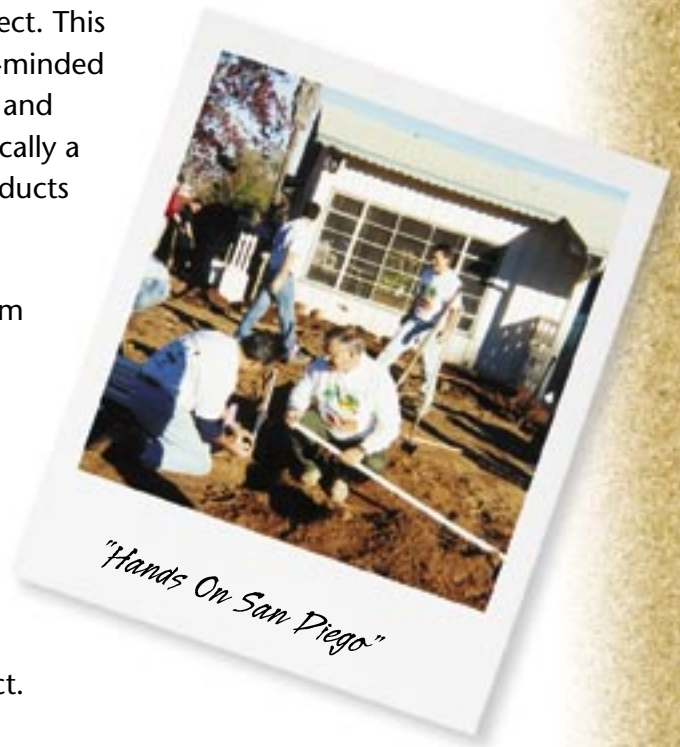


Disaster Relief

We Roll Up Our Sleeves and Get Our "Hands On"

Every year, Hunter Industries' San Marcos employees reach out to help a local service agency through the **Hands On San Diego** project. This campaign brings together Hunter with a group of other civic-minded companies who are all willing to donate their time, resources and manpower to aid a worthy cause. In our case, the time is typically a couple of Saturday mornings, the resources our irrigation products and the manpower a collection of caring Hunter employees.

An example of such a project? We installed an irrigation system for the EYE Counseling & Crisis Center's Hidden Valley House in Escondido, which offers emergency shelter in a private residential setting for women with children who are victims of domestic violence. Hunter created the irrigation plans for the entire site beautification project and more than 50 company employees volunteered their personal time to dig trenches, lay pipe, and install sprinklers and valves. Other firms then pitched in with their product and labor donations (fencing, plants, paint, etc.) to complete the project.



Giving Our Best When Things Seemed Worst

There is very little warning when a natural disaster is going to strike. Earthquakes just happen. Tornadoes give some notice, but far too little. Hurricanes approach for days, but we can never be quite certain where one will hit, how strong it will be and how fast it will move through.

Regardless of the type of calamity, the crucial moments come in the time that immediately follows. Clean-up can be massive, taking days, weeks, even months. Hundreds, perhaps thousands can be without shelter, clothing or food. Those who find themselves displaced are often at the mercy of others to lend them a helping hand and get them back on their feet. That is where the true meaning of "community" shows itself.

In times like these, Hunter Industries – and, more importantly, individual Hunter employees – gave their time, their money and their supplies to those in a moment of need. Whether volunteering at a Red Cross shelter, donating coats and blankets, or simply sparing some extra change, Hunter people shine their brightest when things look darkest.



Putting the Accent on Kids

Hunter Industries has served on as a major sponsor for the Accent on Kids Golf Tournament in Phoenix. All proceeds from this fundraising event went directly to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Arizona's largest city. In addition, Hunter also provided irrigation products at no cost to help landscape a new addition to the Phoenix facility.

Ronald McDonald Houses provide a "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. The first Ronald McDonald House opened in Philadelphia in 1974; there are now more than 200 Houses in nearly 20 countries.



Preserving Open Space

In 1985, a small group of concerned Southern California citizens began meeting to form the **San Dieguito River Valley Land Conservancy**. The organization was founded in the belief that there is still time for San Diego County to set aside a substantial natural recreational corridor of park land and open space to provide the respite from urbanization that every city dweller yearns for and needs. Hunter has donated funds to support this private, non-profit organization as they help facilitate the efforts of public bodies and private citizens to transfer land to dedicated open space or to recreational use.

'Tis the Season for Giving

In what has become an annual tradition at Hunter, the many departments throughout the company pool their resources in order to provide holiday gifts for children who might otherwise be overlooked. The **New Haven Foster Family Agency** provides care for troubled children and teens throughout San Diego County. These "hard to place" youths have usually been the victims of serious child abuse or neglect, resulting in emotional or behavioral difficulties. At holiday times, literally hundreds of gifts are purchased by individuals at Hunter, thus ensuring a joyous season for those who may never have experienced one before.



Playing "Santa" for Foster Children



Helping a Treasured Jewel to Shine

Every year, one of the largest fundraising efforts in San Diego County is the Jewel Ball. This event is produced with loving care by **Las Patronas**, a La Jolla-based women's organization. While San Diego has many a charitable get-together, most are hard-pressed to match the results of the annual Jewel Ball, which each year raises hundreds of thousands of dollars for deserving charitable causes. The event's beneficiaries have included the Alliance for African Assistance, Logan Heights Family Health Center, computerization of San Diego Aerospace Museum archive collection, Sharp Healthcare Foundation's "Think First For Kids" program for multi-cultured spinal or brain-injured children, the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, and a new lab for the San Diego Blood Bank.

When Home Isn't "Home Sweet Home"

Where does a child turn when there is seemingly no one to turn to? **Casa de Amparo** ("House of Refuge") provides safe shelter in a group home setting for abused, abandoned and neglected children from birth to 17 years of age. Established in 1979, Casa de Amparo is identified as a North San Diego County permanent supportive housing program for homeless youth that have been victims of domestic violence or find themselves in other troubling situations. Through the aid of contributions from Hunter and other companies, Casa de Amparo's Crisis Center for Abused Children will provide essential living items for children including food, shelter, clothing and medical services.

And the List Goes On

Numerous other organizations benefited from the generosity of Hunter employees, not only in San Diego, but in Fresno and Cary, as well. Some of the many included:

- Special Olympics
- The American Red Cross
- The Head Start Program
- Share & Care Food Drive
- St. Clare's Home (Angels in Action)
- Schools in Fuquay-Varina, NC
- Western Wake Medical Center
- The North County Animal Shelter
- San Marcos, Raleigh and Cary Chambers of Commerce
- The Arc of San Diego (providing services for people with developmental disabilities and their families)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Adopt-A-Highway
- Toys for Tots
- North Carolina Food Bank
- Coats for Kids
- Triangle Hospice



INDUSTRY

As the irrigation industry continues to grow – with more and more businesses and residences worldwide choosing to install sprinklers and controllers where there were none before – there has been a corresponding increase in the need to have people choose to make irrigation a career.

In a nutshell, the search is on for qualified individuals who will represent the future of irrigation. Our industry needs to reach out to the bright minds on our campuses and to those with a drive to succeed in the world of business. We need to provide the encouragement for irrigation to be viewed as more than a career option, but rather the best career possible.

To ensure a quality future for irrigation, Hunter has made a commitment to support the most respected educational programs that our industry has to offer. These programs bring together the top names in irrigation today with those who are the most promising candidates to become the leaders of our field tomorrow.

Helping to Improve Our Educational Landscape

The **Landscape Architecture Foundation** fundraising campaign (the “Second Century Campaign for Landscape Architecture”) was created to help fund important education and research programs that will help shape the future of the irrigation profession. Millions of dollars have been raised thanks to the generous support of the donors like Hunter.

One of the programs that the monies are directed to is the Foundation’s educational program, where scholarships and internships of various dollar amounts are provided to students at a wide range of accredited universities across the country. These awards are given to both undergraduate and graduate landscape architecture students, with several earmarked specifically for women, minorities and students with disabilities. More than 200 students applied for these funds the first year they were offered.



*Creating a Stronger
Presence for Women in Irrigation*



IA Stands for Increasing Awareness

The premier trade organization for our industry is the **Irrigation Association**. Virtually every company that has anything to do with our field of endeavor is a member of “the IA,” and Hunter is no exception. The Irrigation Association is probably best known to the average Hunter employee as the group that puts on the annual Expo that showcases the latest products and services of all the major companies in the irrigation industry. But the IA is much more than that. One of the primary goals of the organization is to serve as an educational body.



The IA was established so the industry may communicate to the public the value of irrigation technology and the benefits of efficient water use, and to act as a coordination point for information and actions relative to management of irrigation water. With that in mind, the IA establishes and conducts authoritative educational programs to broaden and focus public awareness of issues related to water management, to provide professional certification of practitioners of irrigation-related disciplines and to ensure the accessibility of research information pertinent to industry practices and products. Support to the IA Educational Foundation from companies like ours helps to ensure these programs will continue to reach the greatest number of people possible.



Support for Those Who Support Irrigation

Hunter has also been an ongoing contributor to other industry organizations that are working to improve the degree of knowledge about irrigation, both in our industry and with the general public. Among the many groups are:

- Water Education Foundation
- Southern California Water Committee
- Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA)
- American Society of Irrigation Consultants (ASIC)
- Center for Irrigation of Technology (CIT)

Hunter has also provided research and education scholarships to Cuyamaca College, Southwestern College and California Polytechnic State University (both the San Luis Obispo and Pomona campuses).

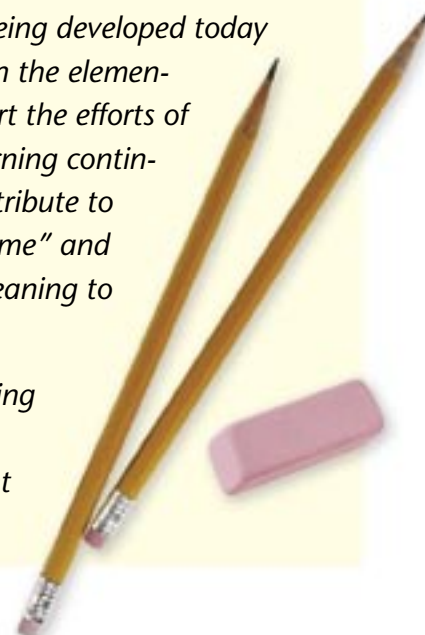
As a leader in the field of irrigation, Hunter Industries has always been on the watch for those who are working to better our industry and we will continue to offer our support in order to help them – and us – achieve success.

EDUCATION

Where will the future leaders of our society come from? Leaders in business, in government, even in the irrigation industry?

Hunter Industries understands that the braintrust of tomorrow is being developed today in classrooms and on schoolyards across our great land. It begins in the elementary and secondary schools and, thus, Hunter has chosen to support the efforts of several fine schools in our company's local area. That quest for learning continues at the college level and, to that end, Hunter has elected to contribute to the programs of several institutions of higher learning, both "at home" and at campuses around the country that hold a particularly special meaning to the Hunter family.

With our aid, educators will be able to train students better, providing the tools of learning, enriching the playing fields and giving technical support to students of all ages...while helping to ensure a bright future for all of us.



On the Fast Track in Engineering

As an innovator in the irrigation industry, Hunter Industries places a strong value on the importance of engineering. With an eye towards the future, Hunter has supported the efforts of tomorrow's engineers as a major sponsor of the **Cornell University Formula SAE Racing Team**. This engineering program consists of a challenging year of race car design and construction, followed by a 5-day international competition. In a recent competition, Cornell competed against more than 100 cars from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Great Britain and Japan, and finished first in acceleration, third in design, third in presentation and fourth in autocross. The school also finished fourth overall in their class of engine (methanol). The SAE program has already paid dividends for Hunter as two of our engineers are recent graduates of Cornell...and who knows how many more may one day join them.



*Cornell University
Formula SAE Racing Team*



Being a Good Neighbor to Our New Neighbor

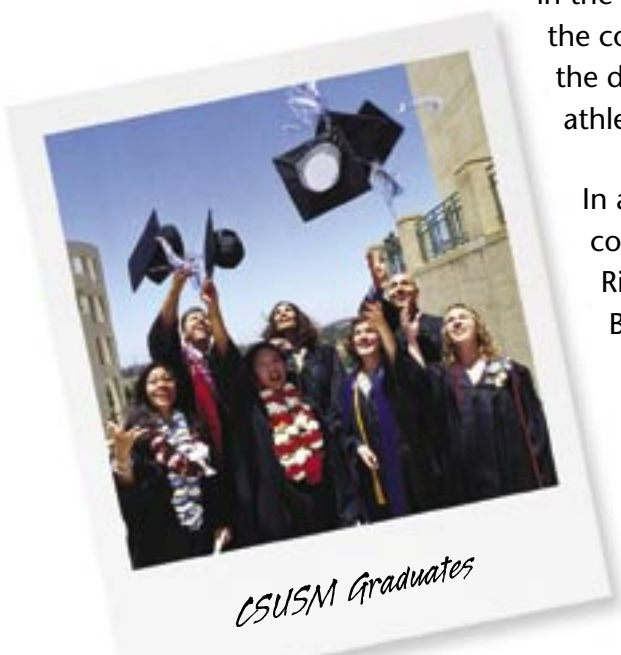
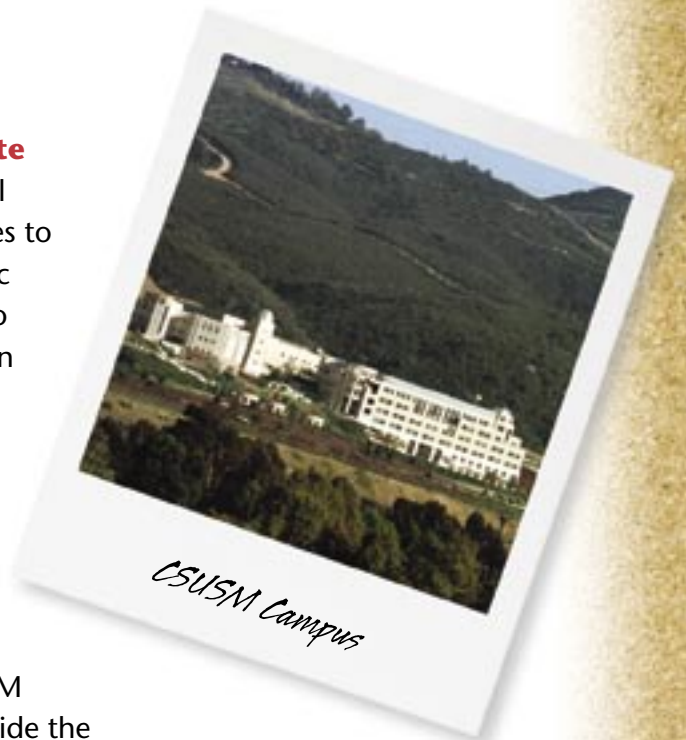
One of the state's newest collegiate campuses, **California State University San Marcos** is rapidly becoming the educational capital of North San Diego County. As the university continues to grow from its humble beginnings into a full-fledged academic center and community focal point, there are many projects to be funded. Like CSUSM, Hunter Industries recognizes our own important role in the San Marcos community and thus the company has been an enthusiastic contributor to the school in an ongoing effort to help our new neighbor reach its full potential.

At this time, one of the largest projects being undertaken at CSUSM is the creation of the **M. Gordon Clarke Field House/Student Union**. The structure will be the first CSUSM building specifically designed to bring students together outside the classroom and promises to revolutionize campus life. The 35,000 square foot Field House will host activities such as CSUSM basketball, volleyball and gymnastics games, as well as special events like concerts and dances. Hunter has contributed a substantial amount directly into the capital campaign to help build this facility.

Additional financial contributions to both the Field House and a new **Campus Library**, as well as to raise funds for the university's fledgling sports programs, were made by Hunter's participation in the University Ball, the "Fore! Education" golf tournament at Morgan Run, and the Cougar Chase 5k Run/Walk.

Helping to underwrite the school's association membership fees in the **National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics** is another contribution that Hunter has made to CSUSM. As the athletic programs begin to grow at CSUSM, the school will participate in the NAIA, an aggregation of smaller colleges across the country dedicated to promoting education and the development of students through intercollegiate athletic competition.

In addition to our company's generous financial contributions to CSUSM programs and projects, Richard Hunter also sits on the University's Trust Board and the College of Business Advisory Board.

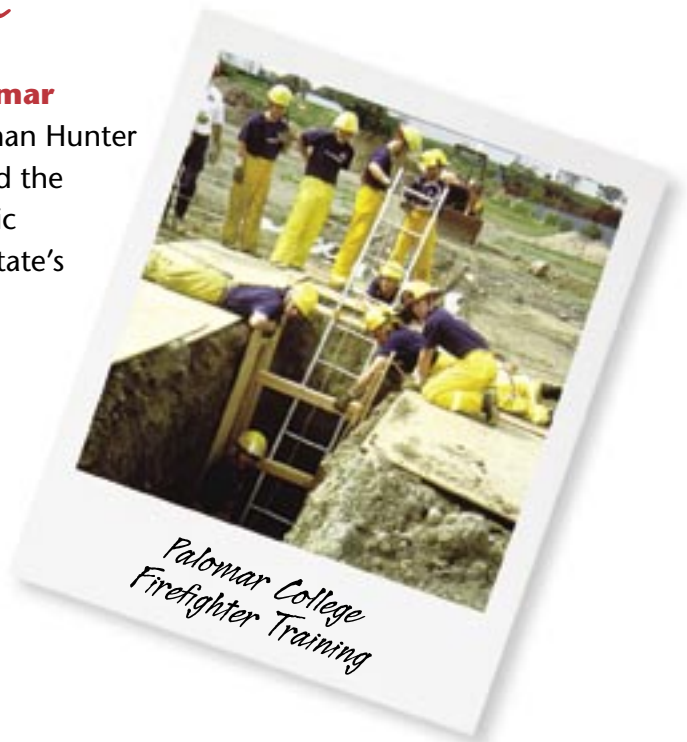


Helping an Old Neighbor, Too

Located right in Hunter Industries' "backyard," **Palomar College** has been around San Marcos even longer than Hunter Industries. Since 1947, this local institution has served the needs of area residents with a wide range of academic offerings and has earned a reputation as one of the state's premier community colleges.

Today, Palomar boasts one of the largest community college enrollments in the state...with more than a few of those students also being members of the Hunter workforce. Hunter recognizes the value of having such a fine school in close proximity to the company's headquarters and has long been an avid financial supporter of the college's many well-respected programs.

With Hunter's sponsorship of such events as the annual "Wine & Dine Under the Stars" and the Palomar College President's Association's "Palomar Goes to the Stars" dinner, funds were also garnered for providing scholarships for students, purchasing instructional equipment, and granting financial support to the school's firefighter training and nursing programs.



Doing Collegians a World of Good

The USA does not have a corner on the market of the world's best minds. The academic leaders of tomorrow may just as easily reside in New Delhi or Auckland as they do in New York or Oakland. Brilliant minds are something you don't overlook simply because they happen to be overseas. It is essential to search out these people and maximize their education potential to benefit all society.

Last year, Hunter continued its long-time support of the **Whitman College International Scholarship Endowment Fund**, which helps to support the students who come to study at Whitman from all corners of the globe. Located in Walla Walla, Washington, this campus is where Richard Hunter earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics in 1965. Mr. Hunter's mother, Frances, was offered a scholarship to the school during the 1930s. However, being in the depths of the Depression, she found it necessary to turn down the offer in order to remain at home and help raise her younger siblings. The school always held a special place in her heart and when her own children were old enough, she encouraged them to attend Whitman. To this day, Mrs. Hunter and her children contribute a great deal of time and money – as well as a substantial amount of Hunter products – to the school.



Making the Dream of College a Reality

In Spanish, the word “beca” means scholarship. And, the **BECA Foundation** is San Diego County’s organization that helps to raise money for college scholarships for area Hispanic youths. Hunter Industries is one of the Foundation’s oldest supporters and last year was presented with the group’s Padrino Award in recognition of Hunter’s many contributions over the years.

Little Things Mean a Lot

Not every contribution that Hunter has made is overwhelming in size, but the effect of those one might deem to be smaller are no less appreciated. In fact, sometimes, the simplest donation – whether one of time, of money or of product – can make all the difference in the world to the recipient.

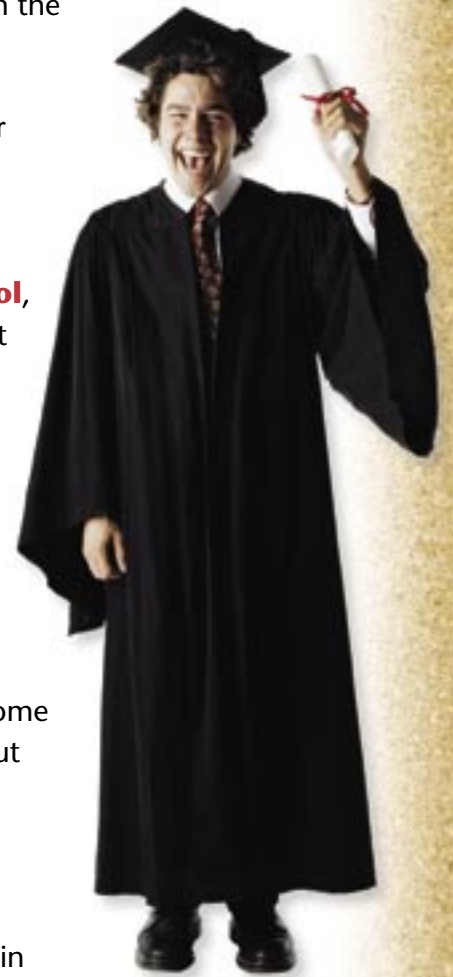
Hunter Industries has regularly answered the call for donations to several other educational programs, both in the San Diego area and beyond. Among the more notable contributions were: **Cuyamaca College**, El Cajon, Annual Turf Management Seminar sponsor; **California State University Fresno**, CSUF Foundation for support of student and faculty programs; **The Bishop’s School**, La Jolla, faculty enrichment programs and Tropical Knights Auction for Student Financial Aid; **San Marcos High School**, Future Farmers of America; **Twin Oaks Elementary School**, San Marcos, Golf Tournament Fund Raiser; and **La Costa Meadows Elementary School**, Carlsbad, Halloween Carnival.

We Turn Our Company into a Classroom

Each year, Hunter Industries invites a group of students to become members of the company’s workforce and receive on-the-job training. These students come from diverse backgrounds and have a wide range of individual career goals, but as participants in the **Hunter Student Internship Program** they all share one thing in common: a quest to learn more, first hand, about working in the irrigation industry.

A good portion of these students hail from high school and college campuses in the immediate vicinity of the company’s San Marcos, Cary and Fresno locations. However, some come from faraway locations such as Europe, Asia and South America. Those who become a part of our program join the company for either a 3- or 6-month session and work side-by-side with a supervisor and co-workers in the department most suited to their career direction. Virtually all departments within the company have had an intern at one time or another over the years (in one recent year alone, the engineering department had a total of four interns!).

The Hunter Student Internship Program is an invaluable learning experience and just one more way that Hunter Industries sets ourself apart from the competition.

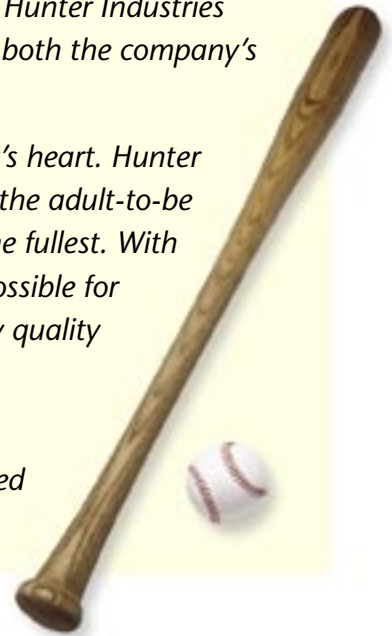


YOUTH

Take a peek at all of the sub-categories within this report and look for a constant. Whether it is educational programs, the arts or nationally recognized charitable causes, one thing is evident: Hunter Industries works hard to ensure that a substantial portion of both the company's time and money is targeted at children.

Children are the future and, as such, hold a special place in company's heart. Hunter believes that childhood is a unique time that shapes the character of the adult-to-be and that each child should be able to enjoy this time of their life to the fullest. With that in mind, the company has gone out of its way to help make it possible for even the most underprivileged youth to have the opportunity to enjoy quality formative years.

There are a great number of wonderful organizations that share this dedication to the youth of America, and Hunter is proud to be affiliated with them on both the local and national level.



It's Fun to be at the Y-M-C-A

Dedicated to improving the quality of human life and helping all people realize their potential through the development of spirit, mind and body is what the YMCA is all about. Two San Diego area YMCA facilities have benefited from Hunter's contributions. The **Jackie Robinson YMCA** in Southeast San Diego was the primary recipient of the company's generosity; the **Magdalena Ecke YMCA** in Encinitas was the other.

At the Jackie Robinson YMCA, thanks to grants like those from Hunter, the organization will be able to bridge the gap of computer accessibility and education within their critical community. With the ability to purchase new computer equipment, the center will be able to further expand both their youth and adult education programs, improve their after-school homework assistance and enhance an environment that encourages ample amounts of just plain computer fun.

The Magdalena Ecke YMCA has worked hard to make their facility "a place to go and give our youth the chance to grow." The support of Hunter and others has meant chances to learn to swim, go to camp, play sports and learn something even more important – character-building values. Among the projects that contributed funds have gone to was the construction of the Y's family skateboard park, giving area youths a safe, supervised environment in which to enjoy an activity that currently offers far too few such sites.



Jackie Robinson YMCA

A Positive Place for Kids

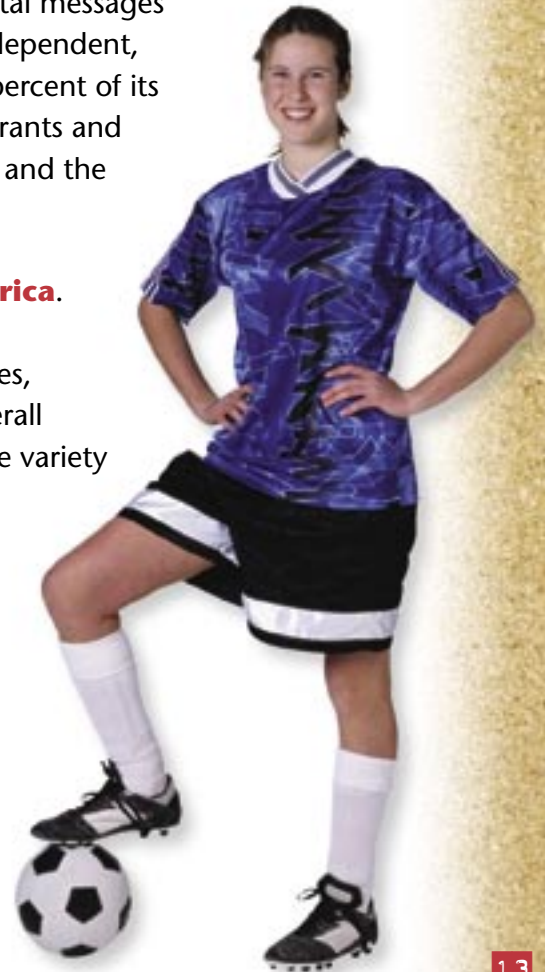
For years, the **Boys & Girls Clubs** of San Diego County have been providing a safe and wholesome environment for children ages 5-18. The North County area clubs have been particularly important to families with single parents and/or lower economic levels as the centers offer a safe haven for kids to seek out as an alternative to being on the streets or living a "latch key" existence. The Clubs offer a balanced program of character and leadership, educational and career development, health and life skills, arts programs, and sports and fitness.

Hunter's ongoing support of Boys & Girls Clubs in San Marcos, Encinitas, Escondido and Carlsbad included sponsorship of the organization's "Building Our Future" Auction and "Just Say Yes to Kids" campaign, which helped the Clubs raise more than \$85,000 that will go to support programs for more than 1,400 area youth. Annual membership to join the Boys & Girls Club is only \$20 per family; the actual cost is \$461, thus support like Hunter's helps make this low cost possible.

It's a Girl Thing

Girls Incorporated is a national nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. For over 55 years, Girls Inc. has provided vital educational programs to millions of American girls, particularly those in high-risk, under-served areas. Today, innovative programs help girls confront subtle societal messages about their value and potential, and prepare them to lead successful, independent, and fulfilling lives. Girls Inc. is a nonprofit organization that receives 77 percent of its revenue from public support – corporations, foundations, government grants and individuals. Thus, the support of companies like Hunter is vital to the life and the success of this valuable organization.

Hunter has also been a longtime supporter of the **Girls Scouts of America**. In addition to the hundreds of boxes of delicious cookies that Hunter employees purchase every January (and, with more than 1,200 employees, Hunter Industries no doubt adds a substantial amount to the Scouts' overall cookie sales total), our company has provided capital to help fund a wide variety of programs that encompass the "Scouting experience."



Helping Build Fields of Dreams

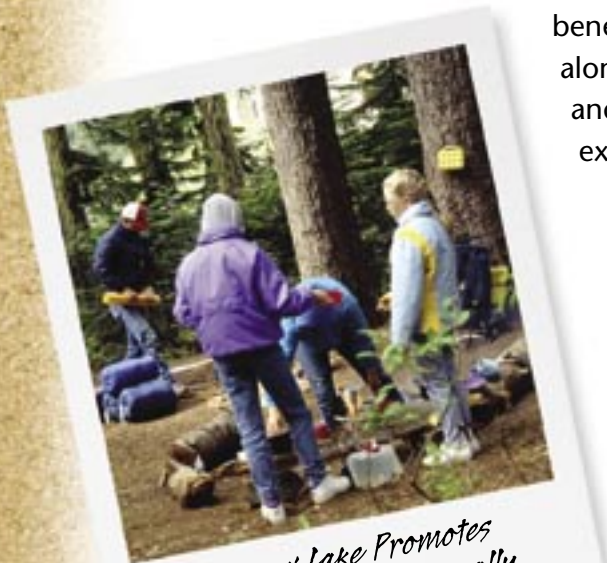
In 1996, San Diego Padres Chairman John Moores had an idea: to build or fix up baseball fields so kids can have a comfortable, safe, clean place to play. Thus, the Padres' **Little Padres Parks** program was created, promising to create or improve 60 fields, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of professional baseball in San Diego. Today, more than 20 Little Padres Parks have been completed or are in progress in the region. The expansive program selects sites nominated by the public and chosen by the club. Each field has palm trees, manual scoreboards, dugouts and bleachers, an outfield fence, and big-league landscaping. The fields are leveled, groomed, sodded, and irrigated. That's where the support of Hunter comes in. From the program's start, Hunter has donated the irrigation products necessary to provide top-notch turf, just like the big Padres have at Petco Park (where Hunter products keep the field lush and green).



*Opening Day,
A New Little Padres Park*

Strengthening the Family Through Camping

Strengthening the bonds between parents and children, the family-focused camps of the **Minnow Lake Foundation** offer an enlightening change of environment for people in troubled situations. Families from low-income areas of Southern California are chosen with the help of social service agencies, the YMCA, local service clubs and school systems. Occasionally, private industries – a company like Hunter, for instance – might identify a potential at-risk family that would make a good camping candidate. A full 75 percent of attendees are funded through the financial contributions of benefactors like Hunter. The camps offer a natural outdoor setting, along with special programs such as desktop publishing, theatre arts and videography, allowing campers of all ages and walks of life to experience new challenges and bolster personal development.



*Minnow Lake Promotes
Family Bonding Naturally*

Minding Their Own Business

It doesn't always mean staying out of the affairs of others. In this case, it literally means taking care of your own financial operation. The passionate efforts of **Junior Achievement** help to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business and economics to improve the quality of their lives.

Through age-appropriate curricula, Junior Achievement programs begin at the elementary school level, teaching children how they can impact the world around them as individuals, workers and consumers. Junior Achievement programs continue through the middle and high school grades, preparing students for future economic and work force issues they'll face. The support of Hunter has helped this all-volunteer organization bring real-life business experience and guidance into the classroom at a time that represents an essential crossroads for young people.

Giving Kids a Sporting Chance

Local youth sports programs play an important role in the community. Youth sports provide an excellent venue for individual families to spend time together and, at the same time, it also brings them together with other families in the community. Youth sports create a safe environment for kids to be a part of, offering a desirable alternative to such things as vagrancy, loitering and involvement with gangs. And, youth sports offer an early opportunity for children to experience interaction with their peers and develop the valuable skills of teamwork.

Hunter Industries salutes the many youth organizations around the country that have played an important part of shaping the character of tomorrow's adults. Over the years, the company has been able to lend direct financial support to the following organizations:

- San Marcos Youth Baseball
- Valley Center Youth Soccer
- Escondido Pop Warner
- Soccer Club of Oceanside
- Encinitas Reds Baseball Club
- San Marcos Girls Softball League
- The San Marcos Soccer Traveling Team



ARTS

A well-rounded individual is one who uses both the right (creative) and left (analytical) sides of the brain. Even the most technical thinker can benefit from keeping the non-technical side of the brain stimulated. After all, it is being able to look at things from different perspectives – that is to say, creatively – that often serves as the springboard for the world's greatest minds to come up with what they do.

With that in mind, Hunter Industries realizes the valuable contribution that creative outlets, such as the arts, provide to society. The many different methods of artistic expression offer a sharp contrast to the structured learning of most classroom and business settings, a diversion that can either clear the mind or enhance the thoughts within. In addition, listening to music or watching someone dance or act can just be simply...fun.

Hunter has chosen to dedicate our support to the efforts of several arts organizations that all have one thing in common: a commitment to reaching the greatest audience possible, right in the area where the vast majority of Hunter employees live and work.

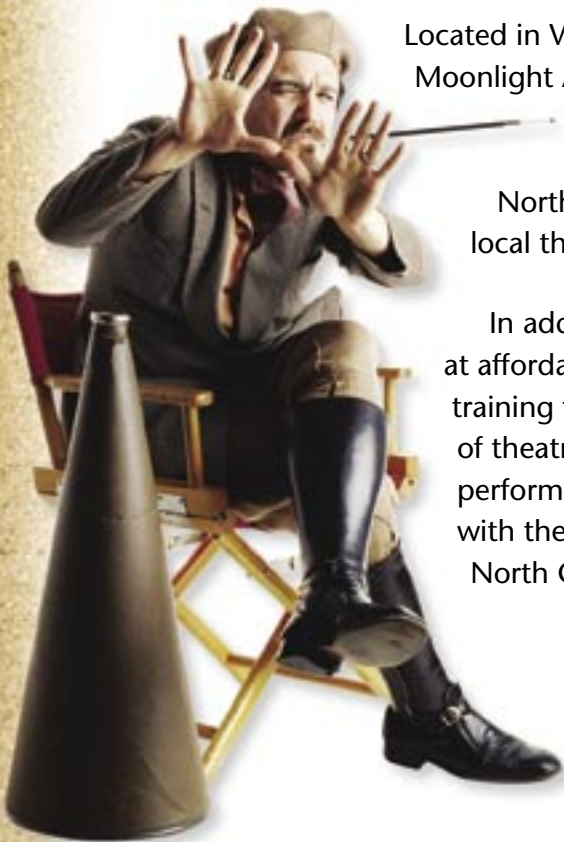


Helping Stars Shine in the Moonlight

Hunter Industries has combined its dedication to North County and its love for the performing arts with the company's ongoing support of the **Moonlight Ampitheatre**. The company has regularly been a Founder's Circle Corporate Sponsor.

Located in Vista, just minutes from the Hunter manufacturing facility, the Moonlight Ampitheatre puts on performances of popular Broadway musicals and dramas in an outdoor, under-the-stars setting in Brengle Terrace Park. The facility is considered one of the treasures of North County and is widely recognized as one of the country's premier local theater operations.

In addition to providing area residents with top-notch entertainment at affordable prices, the Moonlight also has a long tradition of providing training for young people in both the technical and theatrical aspects of theatre. Since its inception in 1980, the Moonlight has attracted performers and stage crews alike from throughout Southern California, with the greatest number of those coming from right here in North County.



Being SUAVE About Supporting the Arts

Hunter Industries has played an instrumental role in the development of programs designed to bring the arts into the schools and provide easy access to performing arts programs for Latino families. An example of Hunter's commitment has been the company's critical support of the **California Center for the Arts** SUAVE (Socios Unidos Para Artes Via Educacion/United Communities for Arts in Education) program.



Operated by the Escondido-based arts center in collaboration with California State University San Marcos, SUAVE brings professional artists into classrooms throughout North County. These artists provide hands-on art projects for students that relate to and enhance existing curricula as well as teaching educators methods of integrating the arts in their teaching techniques. The program reaches over 5,000 students annually. SUAVE addresses the significant learning and communication challenges where only English is spoken. The SUAVE program acknowledges, respects and celebrates different learning styles and helps provide concrete methods for second language acquisition.

SUAVE is just one part of the Center's overall Latino community outreach program. Los Padrinos del Arte (The Godparents of the Arts) was established in 1994 to help make the arts accessible to all through such methods as subsidizing admissions to special events including symphonies, ballets and museum tours.

Kids & the Arts: Music to Our Ears

The mission of the **San Diego Chamber Orchestra** is to provide a regional orchestra of the highest professional caliber for the greater San Diego area. Hunter Industries continues to be an avid supporter of this organization's efforts and our company has served as a Series Sponsor.

With performances of music written especially for an orchestra of 35-40 musicians, the San Diego Chamber Orchestra occupies an important niche within the regional music offerings that would otherwise be empty. Founded in 1984, the orchestra has continuously provided area audiences with affordable, high quality symphonic repertoire within its large geographic scope of performances throughout San Diego County. During the past season, the San Diego Chamber Orchestra performed for over 50,000 people at more than two dozen locations throughout the county. Among these performances were "Carnival Concerts", designed for elementary school age kids, that combine music, dance and sing-along in both traditional (Symphony Hall) and casual (beach, park, fairgrounds) settings.



*Striking a Chord
with the Kids*

HEALTH

You've probably heard it said before. Right after people lose their fortune in a stock market crash. Or, perhaps, as they survey the scene where their house went up in flames and took all their possessions with it. Someone turns to a loved one and says, "At least we have our health."

Good health. Something that most of us place a higher value on than wealth or fame. Think about it...as we await a child's entry into the world, the one thing everyone prays for is that the little one be healthy. We want each of us to have all five senses intact, all physical abilities in working order and a brain that runs like a fine-tuned engine.

From our time in the womb until our final days, there are many obstacles to overcome on the road to good health, some more threatening than others. At Hunter, we know that we can't fight all the battles, but we have chosen to take up arms against several that we believe the world could do without.



Walking to Save Those Who Crawl

The biggest and most successful charity walking event in the nation is WalkAmerica. The **March of Dimes** raised over \$1.5 billion since the event began in 1970. Each year, over 1 million walkers in 1,000 communities participate. The money raised in WalkAmerica helps the March of Dimes to fight the four major problems that threaten the health of America's babies: birth defects, infant mortality, low birth weight, and lack of prenatal care.



Hunter has also become a primary sponsor of the **San Diego Chapter of the ALS Association** Walk to D'Feet ALS.

Hunter employees have turned out in ever-increasing numbers each year to help this walk achieve one of the highest staff participation rates and highest fundraising levels of any Hunter-sponsored event.



Hunter Employees Walk for March of Dimes

Offering Love When It's Needed Most

Providing a loving environment with the highest level of quality care for the terminally ill is the idea behind a hospice. Hunter Industries has been a contributor to one of the premier hospice facilities in North San Diego County, the **Elizabeth Hospice Society**. The Escondido-based facility offers a broad range of hospice services to all who need hospice support, regardless of their insurance or personal resources. The Society also supports strong bereavement programs that are there for families of patients and for all in the community who need a friend at a most difficult time. Other services offered include home visits by nurses, social workers, aides and other health professionals; drugs for treatment of pain relief and symptom management; education for family members in patient care; light housekeeping by a homemaking aide; and chaplains and volunteers who deliver hands-on care and caring.

Funds for Research...Better Than a Get Well Card

Almost 9 million Americans alive today have faced a diagnosis of cancer. Some of them are newly diagnosed or are undergoing treatment, while others are in remission or considered cured. The **American Cancer Society** offers comprehensive information and resources to help those who fight cancer. From school health education, to providing cancer information 24 hours a day, to reaching out to underserved populations – these and many other vital programs and research are possible only because of the generous support of the American public. Hunter has been proud to help fund these efforts and continues to make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans.

The **Juvenile Diabetes Foundation** is the world's leading non-profit, non-governmental funding organization for diabetes research. Founded in 1970 by parents of children with diabetes, the Foundation's mission is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. With the help of contributions from companies like Hunter, plus the many individuals who give of their time and money, the Foundation is moving research from the laboratory bench to the patient's bedside, translating scientific advances into longer, healthier lives for those with diabetes.

Hunter has also been a contributor to the research efforts of the **Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America** (CCFA). Crohn's disease is a serious inflammatory disease of the gastrointestinal tract that predominates in the intestine and the colon, but may occur in any section of the GI tract. Ulcerative colitis is an inflammatory disease of the colon that is characterized by inflammation and ulceration of the innermost lining of the colon. CCFA's mission is to cure and prevent these two diseases through research, and to improve the quality of life of affected children and adults through education and support.



PRODUCT

DONATIONS

Throughout this report, you have seen dozens of examples where both Hunter Industries and Hunter employees have given their time, their labor and their money to support a wide array of worthy causes. There is one more way in which we have been able to contribute to many other projects, as

well. Thanks to the efforts of Hunter sales representatives in the various sections of the country, Hunter has been able to donate thousands of dollars worth of irrigation products. Thus, schools, churches, recreation centers and community organizations that may otherwise lack the necessary funds to purchase our goods, have been able to keep their grounds and their facilities in optimum condition.

These are just some of the many projects across America where Hunter sales personnel donated products and, quite often, their time (we apologize if any sites were overlooked):



- University of Massachusetts
- Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington
- Phoebe Hearst Elementary School multi-purpose fields (San Diego)
- Divide Little League baseball field, Golden Sierra High School baseball field, Rotary Club irrigation system (El Dorado County, California)
- Governor Morehead School for the Blind in Raleigh, North Carolina (also designed the irrigation system)
- Multi-use athletic field at Covenant Christian School in Conroe, Texas
- Courtyard and nursery at Sharpstown Middle School in Houston
- Soccer field at Holy Nativity School in Panama City, Florida
- Niceville, Florida Children's Advocacy Center, built to provide a child-friendly setting for the necessary exams and evidence gathering on abused children
- A variety of projects in the state of Arizona including Tucson Our House Project, Boy Scouts of Arizona, Phoenix Zoo, Brophy Prep School, Scottsdale Charros, Phoenix Hospice, Child Crisis Center
- Albuquerque Youth Baseball Association
- California Polytechnic State University Pomona Irrigation Department
- University of California Riverside Turfgrass Research Program
- California School for the Deaf Riverside football field
- Ambassador Christian High School football field (Rialto, California)
- American Youth Soccer Organization (Inland Empire, California)
- Hope Christian Church, Redlands, California
- Clackamas County, Oregon Softball Association softball fields
- A variety of projects in the South Florida region including YMCA facilities in Fort Pierce and Stuart, Christ Fellowship Church in Palm Beach Gardens, St. Clare's Catholic Church in North Palm Beach, and the Martin County Fairgrounds
- And, in Australia, Hunter donated goods to the TAFE colleges, where the majority of irrigation training and turf management is given Down Under
- Test plots for agronomy students at Texas A & M University
- Westside Memorial Gardens, built in remembrance of the victims of the school massacre at Jonesboro, Arkansas High School



Hunter Donates Thousands of Rotors Every Year



Children are the future. That's why we place such an emphasis on supporting youth programs in both academics and athletics, as well as helping agencies that fight against childhood diseases. The donation of time, money and products to elementary schools in the vicinity of Hunter facilities in San Marcos, Cary and Fresno is a prime example of the many things we do for kids.



Hunter Production Carousel



Hunter Test Facility



Hunter Industries - San Marcos, CA

A respected innovator in the field of irrigation, Hunter Industries has been setting the standards for an entire industry since 1981. The company began operations by manufacturing a single product - the PGP rotor - that rapidly took the industry by storm, eventually becoming the world's top-selling sprinkler. Today, Hunter has evolved into a producer of a complete line of irrigation components for residential, commercial, and sports field applications. With a corporate work force of approximately 1,000, Hunter Industries maintains three production facilities in the United States (San Marcos and Fresno, California; Cary, North Carolina), as well as an international sales team and satellite offices to serve overseas customer needs more efficiently.

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