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# SA Recycling donates \$20,000 to Harbor Area nonprofit to help students



Sharefest is a nonprofit that helps students prepare for college and careers, and also helps improve the community with various volunteer projects. (File photo by Chuck Bennett, Contributing Photographer)

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Sharefest, a San Pedro nonprofit that provides guidance and support to more than 300 students at six continuation high schools in the Harbor Area, recently received a \$20,000 donation from SA Recycling.

The metal recycling company has supported Sharefest since 2010.

The company's regional general manger, Moises Figueroa, has been a Sharefest board member since 2020.

The Sharefest organization serves youth in the South Bay and Harbor Area, focusing on helping them move into college and career paths.

"SA Recycling has helped Sharefest transform the lives and futures of so many students in our communities," Chad Mayer, executive director of Sharefest, said in a recent news release. "Moises Figueroa is an amazing human being who has not only has done so much for Sharefest, but for many other wonderful nonprofits in the Harbor Area."

Sharefest, which has offices in the San Pedro's old City Hall municipal building, 638 S. Beacon St., Suite 700, provides ongoing mentoring, educational support and case management services to students. It helps them develop networking for future academic and career paths. The organization also connects students directly to the workforce through industry partners and local trade organizations.

The nonprofit's primary work, though, takes place inside the six Los Angeles Unified School District continuation high schools from Wilmington to Watts.

Students take part in college and career courses for which they earn the credits they need to graduate high school.

The organization has also been known through the years for its community work days, which have drawn hundreds of volunteers who help with myriad projects to improve schools, parks and other areas throughout the area, such clean ups, painting, and landscape planting.

In honor of Earth Day, which falls this year on April 21, Sharefest will sponsor a "Corporate Day of Service" on April 22 in partnership with Valero, Los Angeles City Council District 15 and students at the Avalon Continuation High School in Wilmington.

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