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Law Firm's Legal Win Benefits Second Chance

Gordon & Rees selects Second Chance for a \$220,000 donation

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San Diego, CA – Second Chance, a non-profit organization that promotes self-sufficiency by providing job readiness training, employment placement, and affordable housing and life skills for homeless and unemployed men, women and youth, has received a donation of \$220,000 from the Gordon & Rees law firm in a most innovative fashion.

The donation resulted from a \$9 million settlement reached last year in a national lawsuit brought by pharmacies against a national benefits provider. The suit focused on a prescription drug discount card that local pharmacies claimed they were fraudulently forced to accept, thus causing the pharmacies to lose substantial amounts of money on prescription drug sales to customers. Gordon & Rees represented the independent pharmacies actions filed in California and Oregon. The settlement agreement provided that certain funds, which ultimately totaled \$1.3 million, would be donated to charities.

Miles Scully, the lead Gordon & Rees partner on the case, was responsible for determining which charities in San Diego would receive an approximate total of \$440,000. In conjunction with the lawyers and staff in the firm's San Diego office, Scully selected the San Diego Second Chance Program and the United Way of San Diego to receive approximately \$220,000 each.

“The resolution of this case presented a unique opportunity to have a direct impact on the well being of the large number of underserved members of the San Diego community. Second Chance and the United Way have an impressive track record of making major inroads in addressing the interconnected challenges of health, education, poverty, unemployment, and homelessness. These two organizations are in a prominent position to leverage these funds to deliver the greatest impact possible.”

Scott H. Silverman, President and CEO of Second Chance, stated, “These are tough economic times for so many of us, and particularly so for people who come to Second Chance looking for a place to live, the tools to find and keep a job, and a family to help them build the kind of optimism and attitude that bring success into their lives. This incredible donation comes at a crucial time for our organization as we work to secure and expand our reach with individuals striving for self sufficiency.”

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Founded in 1993, Second Chance creates opportunities for self-sufficiency by providing job readiness training, employment placement, and affordable housing and life skills for homeless and unemployed men, women and youth. For additional information, visit Second Chance online at secondchanceprogram.org or call (619) 234-8888.

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