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Media Alert

Girl Scouts to visit Second Chance

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- Who:** Girl Scout Troop #3743 and Second Chance, a non-profit agency established in 1993 to help the homeless and chronically unemployed with jobs, housing and life skills.
- What:** Girl Scout Troop # 3743 will deliver clothing and toiletries they have been collecting for the Second Chance program participants.
- When:** **Friday, August 7th**
10 a.m. - 11a.m.
- Where:** **Second Chance Headquarters**
6145 Imperial Avenue
San Diego, CA 92114
- Why:** Girl Scouts are committed to giving back to their local community and have been collecting items for over a month and have 2 boxes of toiletries and 1 box of men's career clothing to donate to the Men, women and young adults attending Second Chance's STRIVE job readiness training and Prisoner Reentry Employment (PREP) programs.

Second Chance's **STRIVE** (Support Training Results in Valuable Employees) provides pre-employment attitudinal and job readiness training, as well as post-job placement support services, Second

Chance uses this program to lead participants to permanent employment and self-sufficiency.

Second Chance is one of the largest and most successful STRIVE affiliates in the world, helping change the lives of some of the most "difficult-to-serve" populations in the region, including at-risk youth, the homeless, recovering addicts, and former prisoners reentering the community

PREP, the first Prisoner Reentry Employment Program of its kind in the nation, provides a welcome and effective solution for inmates, their families, and their communities.

The program starts at the prison gate, immediately providing the former prisoner with an alternative to his or her former environment. PREP then provides a complete housing and life skills program to help incorporate former inmates into the regional workforce. In addition to alcohol- and drug-free housing, PREP participants are included in the STRIVE job-readiness training classes and services.

The San Diego Second Chance program focuses on giving participants a hand up, not a hand out, through a tough-love approach to break down attitudes that might prevent participants from acquiring and keeping a good job, and build up positive workplace behaviors and skills.