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### AGC MEMBERS EXTEND A HAND TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

**SAN DIEGO, CA** – The Associated General Contractors (AGC) San Diego Chapter, Inc., a national construction trade association, kicked off the new year by helping to make a difference in the lives of those in need throughout San Diego County. AGC's Build & Serve Committee selects charitable projects throughout San Diego for AGC members to participate and "give back" to the community.

*"Operation: Keep San Diego Warm"* began on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> with over 1,000 used coats, jackets, and other warm clothing of all sizes being collected at AGC Member Offices across the county. The items were donated to St. Vincent de Paul Village, a partner of Father Joe's Villages located on a 3.5 block campus in the East Village neighborhood of downtown San Diego. The Village is the largest residential homeless services provider in the city. The facility serves families with children, single women, and single men including chronically homeless individuals, veterans, and people living with addiction and/or mental illness. AGC Member donations will assist Village residents living without shelter and the means to stay warm this winter season.

In addition to the Coat Drive, the Build & Serve Committee also partnered with the Polinsky Children's Center to collect toiletries such as hair care products, makeup, and toothbrushes, etc., for teenage girls and boys ages 13+. The Polinsky Center is a facility operated by San Diego Health & Human Services offering temporary emergency shelter for children separated from their families for their own safety or when their parents cannot provide care. The center is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and serves an average of 60-90 children daily. Donations will be used to enhance and enrich the lives of all resident children during their stay at the Polinsky Center.

AGC is the largest and oldest construction trade association. The San Diego Chapter has been in existence since 1927, and has over 1,000 members. To learn more about the AGC, contact (858) 558-7444, or visit their website at [www.agcsd.org](http://www.agcsd.org).

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