

## AGC San Diego Monday Morning Quarterback

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### **AGC MEMBERS DONATE ROAD AND PARKING AREA TO ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE'S CENTER**

On Saturday, a number of AGC members were recognized at a ceremony which was held in a wonderful place in El Cajon. St. Madeleine Sophie's Center has been serving San Diego's developmentally disabled citizens for over 40 years. The Center actually started operations in 1966 when the Religious of the Society of the Sacred Heart organized a program to assist developmentally disabled preschool children to prepare for public school. As the State of California accepted more responsibility for this activity, the Center transitioned in 1972 to serving developmentally disabled adults. St. Madeleine's Sophie's Center now employs a staff of 90 that serve program participants to become happy productive citizens despite the challenges of Down syndrome, autism, epilepsy, or cerebral palsy.

The Center provides a number of programs and services including life skills training, work training, a senior's program, an aquatics and exercise program, computer training, culinary arts training, a student art gallery, and an organic gardening program. **The recognition for AGC members on Saturday involved their assistance in providing much needed paving for a road and a parking lot to serve the organic gardening program at St. Madeleine Sophie's Center.**

The organic gardening program gives the program's participants the opportunity to grow and to sell to the public some outstanding organic fruits, vegetables, and plants. This portion of the program has been very successful, and more and more retail customers have been coming to the Center to purchase the organic products. It was obvious that the road leading to the organic garden and the parking lot needed to be paved to accommodate the customers.

AGC members **Tim Penick**, *T.B. Penick and Sons, Inc.*, **Dave Carlin**, *Soltek Pacific*, and **Ted Rossin**, *Rossin Steel, Inc.* decided to do something about this problem. They approached the AGC Board about making this project the "pilot" project for the new *Build & Serve Committee*. The AGC Board of Director's agreed. Under the leadership of **Steve Roberts**, the volunteer project manager from T.B. Penick, the project moved forward. AGC member firms **TB Penick, Hazard Construction, TC Construction, J Cloud, Inc.**, made significant donations, as did **South Bay Fencing, Vulcan Materials, United Rentals, Robertson's Redi Mix**, and **Tim Binder Contract Review Services**.

The result.....St Madeleine Sophie's Center now has a new paved entrance road and parking lot that will surely make the Center's organic gardening program even more successful.

Congratulations to all of the firms that participated and to **Steve Roberts** from *T.B. Penick & Sons, Inc.* for 'quarterbacking' this entire effort.