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SET YOUR FITNESS TRACKERS! "GET FIT SAN DIEGO" STARTS IN JANUARY

Chamber and Kaiser Permanente partner on workforce health and wellness

SAN DIEGO (Dec. 19, 2018) –The San Diego Regional Chamber is bringing a focus on health and wellness to the new year through the annual Get Fit San Diego Challenge. The Challenge is a fun and friendly fitness competition that gives participants a helping hand on their health related goals while underscoring the importance of a healthy, happy workforce. Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, registration is now open for the 30-day challenge, which begins January 14, 2019.

“The Get Fit Challenge is the perfect opportunity for businesses - and everyone throughout San Diego - to focus on fitness in a fun way,” said Jerry Sanders, Chamber President and CEO. “When employees are healthy and happy we see decreased absenteeism which results in more productivity and that’s something that benefits our entire business community.”

The Get Fit Challenge is open to everyone – Chamber members and nonmembers, individuals, and teams of five to 10 people. There is no cost to participate. Participants and teams can choose between three levels of competition based on their perceived fitness level: “Back on the Wagon,” “Average Joes,” and “Fitness Buffs.” Those interested in taking part can sign up now by visiting www.getfitsd.org.

“We are proud to continue our partnership with the Chamber and help bring the message and health and wellness to all of San Diego,” said Jane Finley, Senior Vice President and Area Manager for Kaiser Permanente San Diego. “We hope that Get Fit will give participants the motivation they need to make the positive change that will bring lasting benefits and help them thrive long after the challenge is over.

In celebration of the start of the Get Fit Challenge and to offer participants an opportunity to network, all Get Fit participants are invited to a Chamber mixer on January 24. To help Challenge participants meet their goals and connect further, Chamber members will host free fitness events and activities throughout San Diego over the duration of the 30-day event. Participants track activities related to exercise, nutrition and wellness in a point system called “Thrive Points” via online or an app. Throughout the Challenge, Get Fit registrants will receive emails with activities to complete and track in their online

dashboard. At the end of the 30 days, the individuals and teams in each division with the most Thrive Points are awarded prizes.

For more information or to register for Get Fit San Diego, visit www.getfitsd.org. Businesses in the health and fitness industry interested in participating should email GetFitSD@SDChamber.org.

About the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community, and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing approximately 2,500 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. For more information, please visit SDChamber.org or call 619-544-1300.

About Kaiser Permanente

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