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CHAMBER ANNOUNCES 2023 SMALL BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

Five local, small businesses took home awards for Best Sustainable, Community Minded, Customers First, Outstanding Minority, Woman, or DBE-Owned Business, and Exceptional Veteran-Owned Small Business

SAN DIEGO (July 20, 2023) – Tonight, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce celebrated small businesses and their significant contributions to our communities and regional economy through the <u>Small Business Awards and Summer Celebration at Snapdragon Stadium</u>. Chamber member businesses with 50 or fewer employees were eligible to apply or be nominated for awards in five categories: Best Sustainable, Community Minded, Customers First, Outstanding Minority, Woman, or DBE-Owned Business, and Exceptional Veteran-Owned Small Business.

"The majority of businesses in San Diego are small businesses, they are the backbone of our region's economy, fueling innovation, creating jobs, and bringing character to our communities," said Jerry Sanders, Chamber President and CEO. "Tonight, we celebrate their determination, innovation, industriousness, and generosity, which embody the Chamber's mission to make the San Diego region the best place to live and work."

The 2023 Small Business Awardees are:

<u>San Diego Hunger Coalition</u> – Winner of the **Community Minded Award** recognizing an organization dedicated to helping others or leading an initiative/program focused on making a positive impact in the community.

The Mopping Duck – Winner of the Customers First Award for exemplary customer service.

<u>TOOTRIS</u> – Winner of the **Outstanding Minority, Woman, or DBE-Owned Business Award** which celebrates the success of a small business contributing to the growth and diversity of the San Diego economy.

<u>EnviroGreen Electronic Recycling</u> – Winner of the **Sustainable Business Award**, which recognizes a small business' exemplary efforts to reduce its impact on the local and global environment.

<u>Workshops for Warriors</u> – Winner of the **Exceptional Veteran-Owned Business Award,** celebrating a veteran-owned small business that has attained outstanding business achievement in its field.

All award nominations were evaluated by a panel of Chamber members who reviewed applications and scored them based on how well they met the award category criteria. Winners were selected based on the highest score in each category.

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 more than 2,000 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is working to make the San Diego region the best place to live and work. For more information, please visit <u>SDChamber.org</u> or call 619-544-1300.

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