



MEDIA ADVISORY

VOLUNTEERS SAVE SAN DIEGO MORE THAN \$1M

SAN DIEGO (October 27, 2009)— During California's present budget crisis, it is no secret that the city has cut many services. Earlier this year, The Rock Church made a commitment to San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders to fill the gaps through volunteer service. So far the Rock has achieved 108% of its 2009 goal of 100,000 hours of volunteer service.

Through the Rock's "Do Something" program, the city of San Diego has saved more than a million dollars. **\$1,656,489.01** is the estimated value of the Do Something hours. This number is based on the median wage calculated by O*Net®

The Rock Church has 22 ministries dedicated to these city-transforming hours specifically targeting community projects identified by Mayor Jerry Sanders. In June, the Rock partnered with the City of San Diego's Parks & Recreation Department to supply over 800 volunteers and 3200 service hours. This effort helped improve Balboa Park and the surrounding community. On October 3, 2009, 900 volunteers from the Rock cleaned up three different neighborhood recreation areas in Southeastern San Diego.

On December 12, 2009, the Rock will be one of the sponsors for San Diego's *Christmas Celebration*. This annual event will supply close to 10,000 people in the Logan Heights neighborhood with food, clothing and other essentials. Last year, the Rock helped close to 500 families with their annual Toys For Joy event.

About The Rock

The Rock is San Diego's largest church and the 19th largest church in the nation according to Outreach Magazine. It was started in 2000 by Pastor Miles McPherson, a former NFL player. Over 12,000 people attend the Rock's five Sunday services.

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