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## At-Risk Youth to Receive Free and Subsidized Registration in Museum Youth Programs

### *Shortino Foundation's \$25,000 Award Makes a Difference for Local Youth*

San Jose, CA – May 3, 2018 – Local at-risk youth from low-income families will learn about video and digital media, experience the joys of community service, and make new friends in the museum's youth programs thanks to a \$25,000 grant from The Shortino Foundation. The funds will support free and subsidized registration for teens in three museum youth programs – [Summer of Service](#), [Discovery Youth](#) and the Sacred Heart Nativity Schools Partnership, serving more than 300 youth annually.

"The continued support from The Shortino Foundation provides opportunities for our most vulnerable teens to learn life skills like teamwork, collaboration, and leadership, said Jenni Martin, director of strategic initiatives and education. "They also learn important practical skills in digital media and the rewards of volunteering – all while having fun and meeting new people. We're grateful for the foundation's support in helping us serve the entire community regardless of ability to pay."

Teens in grades seventh through tenth volunteer at local non-profits, learn life skills, facilitate hands-on activities for museum families, and digitally document their activities in the innovative *Summer of Service* program. Kids in grades sixth through tenth learn first-hand how to digitally produce stories including how to operate a video camera, interview, edit, and photograph in *Discovery Youth*, which is offered during the school year. During the academic year, kids from Sacred Heart Nativity Schools Partnership learn 21<sup>st</sup> century skills like digital literacy that culminates in a video and school presentation.

Spots and subsidies are still available for the 2018 *Summer of Service* program.  
<https://www.cdm.org/summer-service-application/>

### [About The Shortino Foundation](#)

The Shortino Family Foundation invests in programs and services consistent with the mission "to act as a catalyst to support at-risk youth and their families through education, healthy lifestyles, and the arts." The focus of funding is on Santa Clara County organizations that strengthen K-12 children's educational achievement, creating pathways for underserved students to achieve their educational and career goals and contribute to our region's vibrant economy.

## About Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose

With over 150 interactive exhibits and programs, **Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose** is one of the largest museums of its kind in the nation. Since opening its doors in 1990, the museum has welcomed over 8.6 million visitors and has offered new exhibits each year that respond to children's diverse educational needs. The striking 52,000 square foot purple building was designed by Mexico City-based architect Ricardo Legorreta and is a beacon of discovery. Encompassing the broad themes of community, connections and creativity, hands-on exhibits invite self-directed, open-ended explorations. For more information about the Museum, visit **[www.cdm.org](http://www.cdm.org)**.